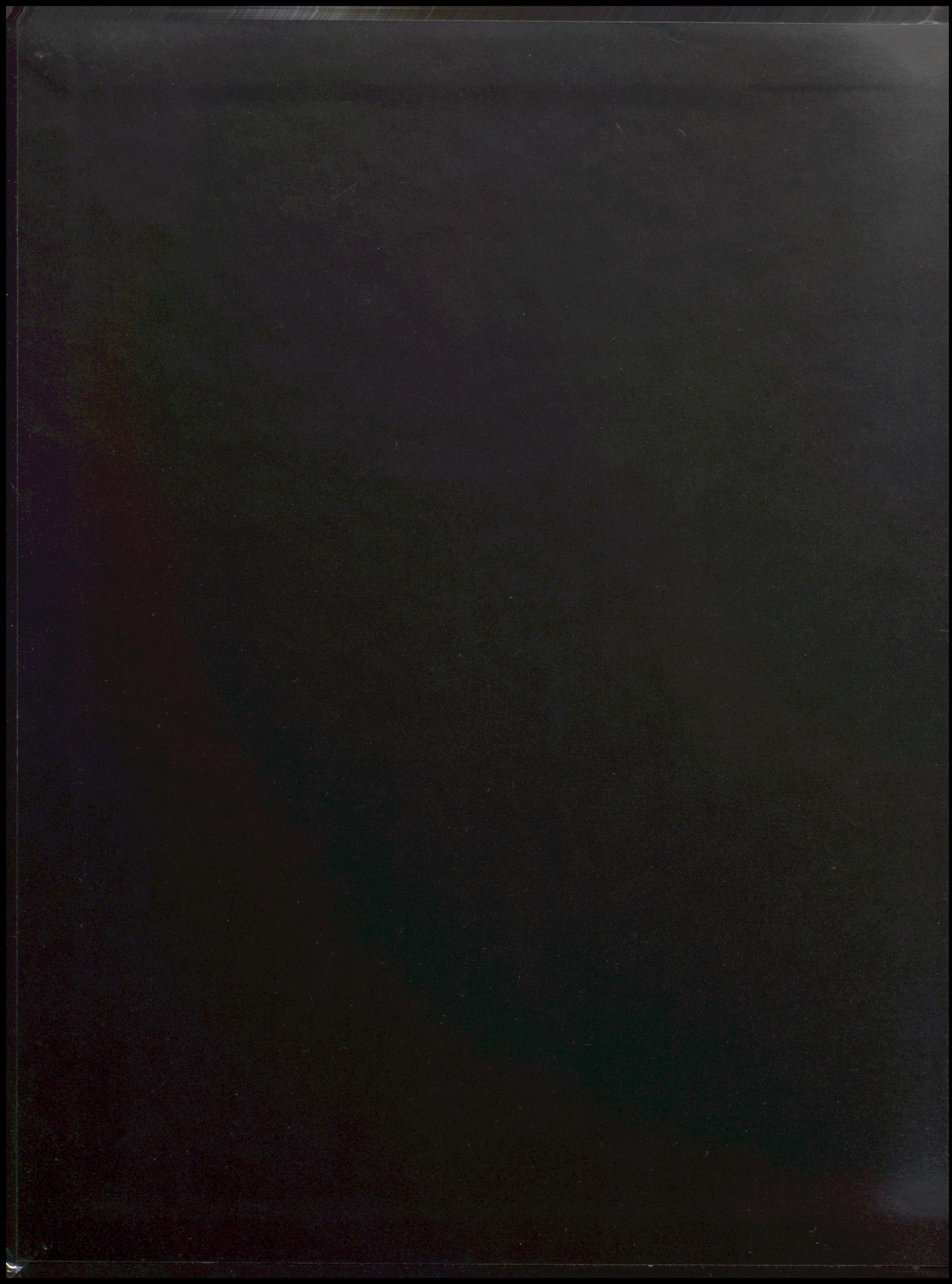




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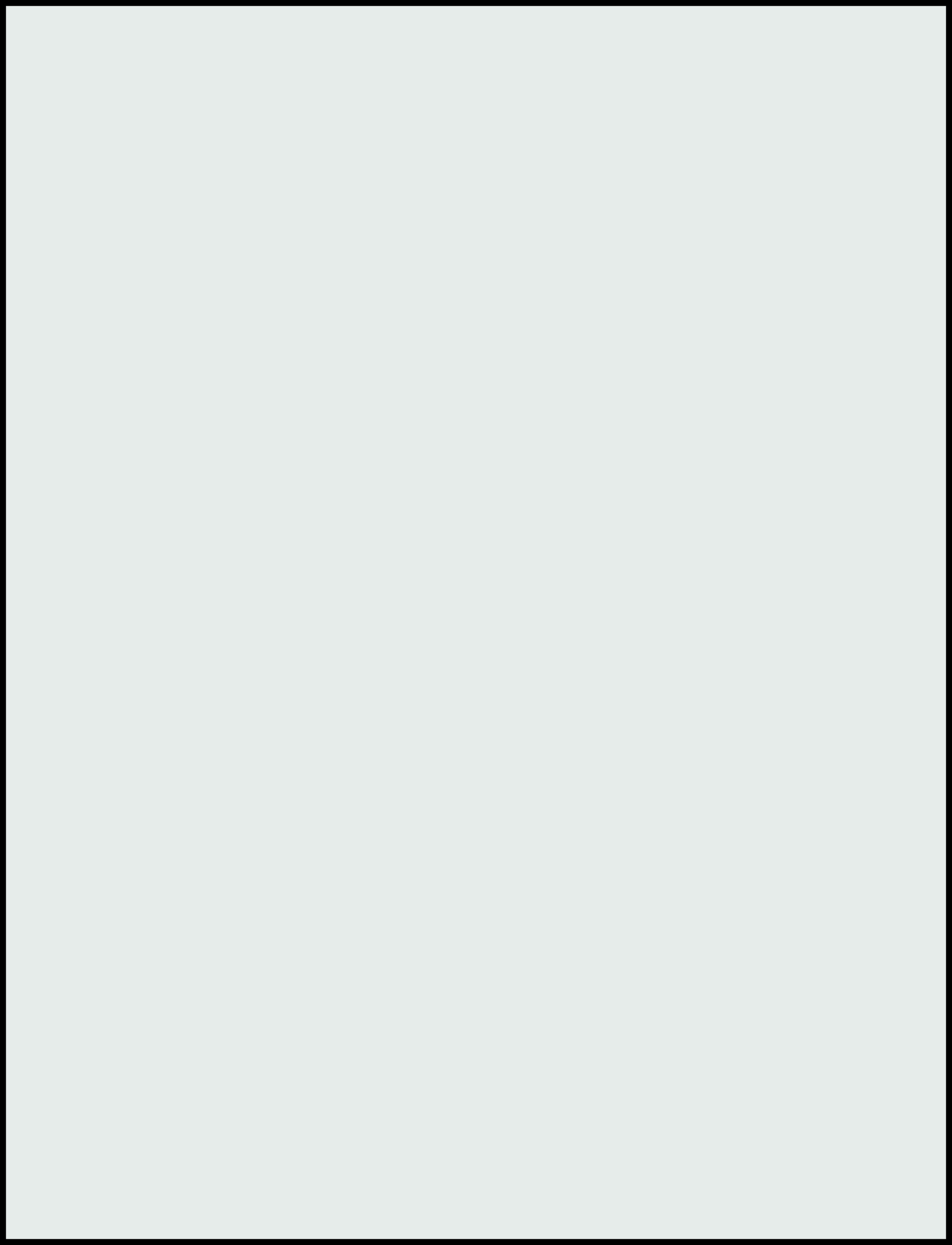




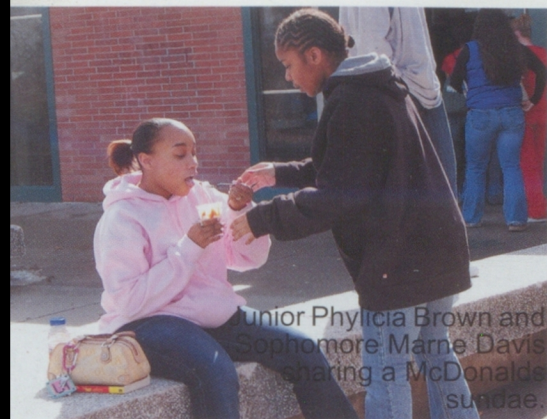








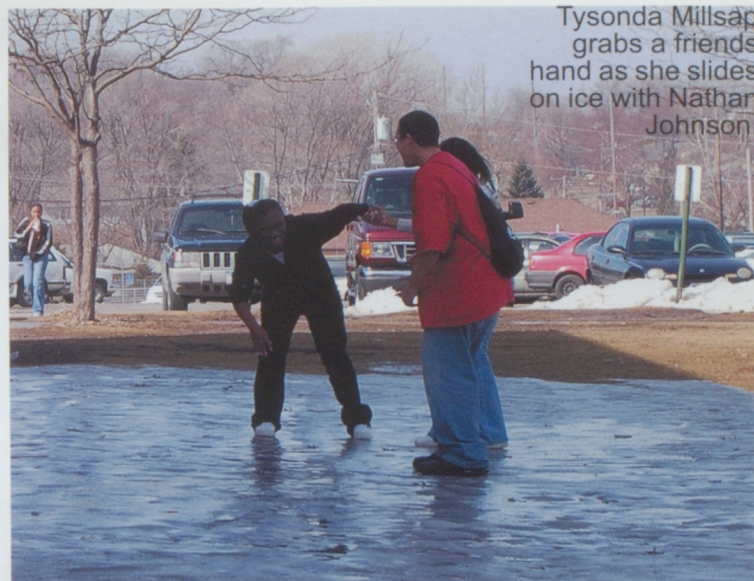




Junior Phylcia Brown and Sophomore Marne Davis sharing a McDonalds sundae.



Senior Abu Darboh walking back from lunch.



Tysonda Millsap grabs a friends hand as she slides on ice with Nathan Johnson.



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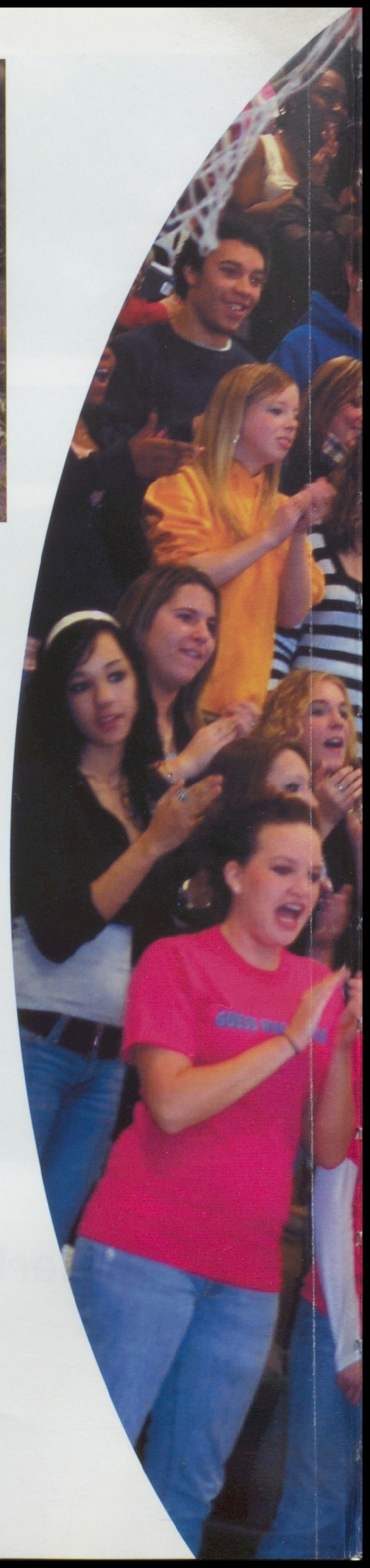
Making a yearbook is a challenge that our whole staff has taken on this year, and they have done it extremely well. You can call us crazy, you can call us yearbooks nerds and you can criticize our book but in the end, we make your memories. We hope that you enjoy the first year we've had an all color yearbook at Hoover. The yearbook has come a long way in just one year and we have all done our best to minimize the amount of mistakes that the book holds.

We'd like to thank Timm Pilcher, our advisor for making us the leaders we have become and believing in this book and our efforts. No one would be able to have a yearbook if it wasn't for our awesome staff. They have all pulled their weight this year and it's much appreciated.

Our main goal was to get as many people in the yearbook as possible this year and our attempt was by making the yearbook "color Me Crazy." We used the division pages to add random people and their crazy selves so that when you are 50 years old and looking at the year book from this year, you can remember those fun and unique times that Hoover high as brought everyone.

And most of all, we want to thank you, the reader, for taking the time to look at the the yearbook that so many of your peers have put their time and effort into.

Co-editors in cheif,  
**Elizabeth Howett and Christa Smith**  
 a.k.a. Lista







Color guards junior Courtney McNeeley and sophomore Becca Leffler perform during half time at the football game. Band placed third at the Urbandale marching Invitational.

**Student  
Life  
4**

**Seniors  
26**

**Sports  
44**

**Clubs  
66**

**Students  
114**

**Teachers  
130**

The class of 2007 stands and cheers for the spirit stick at the winter sports assembly. The juniors took hold of the spirit stick at this assembly.



Seniors Matt Henry and Sheila Olson "kiss" at the Plukato. The Plukato was based off of The Micado. Drama won the Three Critics Award at all state, which means they were state champions in three different categories.



# Student Life



Sophomore Jontay Curry (top) poses outside of the gym to make a funny face. Sophomore Haley Schnicker (middle) turns while dancing at the Homecoming dance. Sophomore Anna Moody (bottom) takes the time out of spanish class to make one of her common funny faces.



Freshman Antoinette Bell (top) and sophomore Kaydee Jester (bottom) make funny faces in front of their lockers.



# Color Me Crazy



Senior Mandy Cason (left) and Sami Ricke (below) pose in the hallway to make funny faces.



Sophomores Valere Vivian(left), Mark Tompson (middle) and Sarah Hayes (right) all pose for the camera to make funny faces.



Freshmen Candice Smith and Sabrina Zuna (above) pose with kissing faces. Freshmen Qiana McCurn and Janelle Mozee (right) laugh together outside their lockers. Elizabeth Hewitt (far right) poses a funny face in French club.







Junior Spencer Hotek refolds some shirts at the Merle Hay Hot Topic.

# Movies, children and ice cream

## Students and Their Jobs

"Hi-ho, hi-ho it's off to work we go," then you add some whistling and you have it. You're going to work. Although probably not a mine shaft like the seven dwarves. Students have a variety of jobs. And for the most part they enjoy their jobs. "I enjoy working with kids," senior Whitney Butts said.

"Yeah... free movies and free pop corn, what's not to enjoy," junior Elizabeth Hewitt said.

"It's different everyday, I never know what to expect," Senior Dawn Gaule said.

Hewitt has to sell tickets, make popcorn, butter the popcorn, and sweep stuff up. She has a lot of fun at her job, Nova Cinemas. She has worked there for 6 months. "My step dad was the manager at Silver Cinemas until it was closed, and since I was seven I wanted to work at a movie theatre as my first job," Hewitt said.

"Come to Nova" She said

Butts works with children at a day care. She just started work this year on August 24, so she hasn't been working there for long. She does it, "because I enjoy working with kids and its fun knowing I'm a role model," Butts said.

"It's not stressful," Butts said, "you get frustrated, kind of hard to stop kids from running around."

"When they don't listen to you it gets a little stressful," Gaule said. Gaule works at First Assembly of God's day care. She's worked there for only a short period of time.

Sophomore Lananh Pham works at Dairy Queen. She was hired even though she never applied there. The manager of the Dairy Queen location called her and asked her to work there. She later found out that her mom had told her boss to call her for a job.

For the most part the students who have jobs don't think that it affects their school work.

"Not really, just my weekend homework, because they never had enough workers, and they kept calling me in," Pham said.

"It doesn't affect it," Hewitt said.

"Sometimes I am tired and don't feel like doing schoolwork, but normally I do fine," Butts said.

Students don't just hang out with friends and play around, Hoover kids work too.

***"Yeah... free movies and free pop corn, what's not to enjoy?"  
Junior Elizabeth Hewitt***



Junior Elizabeth Hewitt puts butter on a customers popcorn at Nova 10 Cinemas.



Junior Justin Swanson fixes items on a toy shelf at Target.



# Hoover's next top fashion statement

## Students voice their opinions on fashion

It's 6:15 in the morning, the alarm signals the day to begin. Junior Greg Isaacson gets up eats a quick breakfast, puts on his clothes last (he had a minor incident where he spilled breakfast on himself) and finally walks out the door. It takes Isaacson approximately two minutes to get ready.

"It doesn't take me that long to get ready, maybe a couple minutes," Isaacson said. On Twana Drive, Senior Kelsey Wren takes longer to get ready. "I take an hour because I'm very indecisive," Wren said.

Fashion. It's everywhere these days. There's usually a trend or fad that's in.

"For guys trends it's the same as any other year, Gap Aeropostale, Abercrombie etc.," senior Shazif Bachelani said.

"For girls, it's wearing leg warmers, the leggings under the skirt and those big necklaces," senior Natasha Oakley said.

"I think the fashion this year is like 80's, kind of electric and boho," Wren said.

Seeing trends everyday whether it's

on t.v., mall or magazine, it's easy to fall for the new style or not.

"I follow some fads," Wren said.

"Yeah, I guess I follow the trends. But I try to be unique," Isaacson said.

Getting deeper with the t.v. and magazine idea, the people. People could be an influence like a role model or even a friend.

"No one influences me. I am who I am," sophomore Lana Pham said.

"My style is whatever I like, usually anything comfortable. I was encouraged to be my own person," Wren said.

"My friend, Mario. I wanted to look nice," Isaacson said. Fashion seems like a big deal to this generation and society, but students have different views.

"Actually, I don't care about fashion. I just put on clothes, I mean it's just clothes," Pham said.

"Fashion isn't a big deal, but I'm going to wear something because someone else is," Oakley said.

"No, it's not a big deal 'cause I'm a guy," Bachelani said.

"Of course it is, so you don't look like a bum," Isaacson said.

Every year a new style pops up and students predict what may be in store for 2007.

"Tighter clothes for guys, straighter hair and tight jeans for girls," Isaacson said.

"Baggier jeans, tighter shirt and polos," Bachelani said.

"Every year we bring back an old fashion. We should be more original," said Oakley.

Junior Erika Tyler (below) shows off her loosely curled hair. Loose waves are also a new fad.

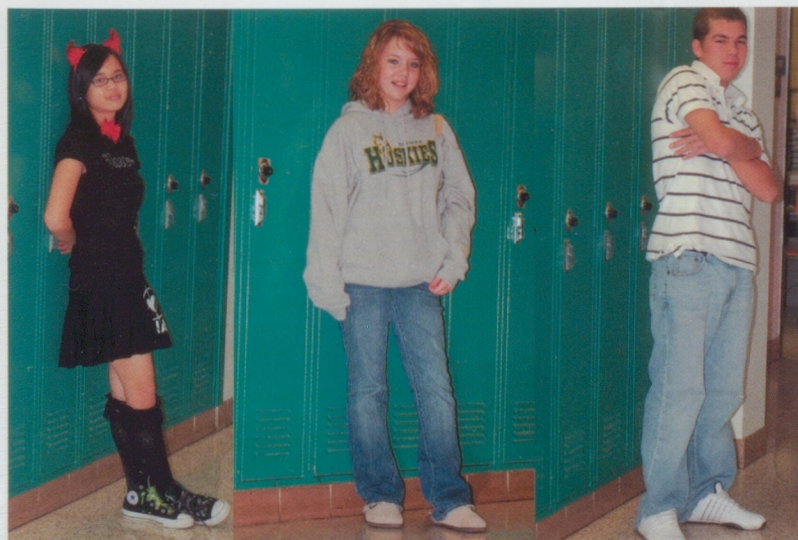


Sophomore Evelina Beganovic (left) digs through her Coach purse. Big purses are in. Senior Natasha Oakley (below) sports a casual/professional look with the pants. Heels are also a hot item.



## What's Hot? [Styles]

- 1 Ripped or worn out with a tight fit.
- 2 Large coach purses.
- 3 Big messy hair.
- 4 Thermal shirts with printed designs.
- 5 Big aviator sunglasses.



"No one influences me on my fashion. I am who I am."

-sophomore Lana Pham

"I like to bring 80's back, but today is my relaxed day."

-freshman Haley Call

"I think the fashion this year is Hollister."

-junior Greg Isaacson



# V-I-C-T-O-R-Y

The students sang as they competed for the spirit stick

The victory song, the spirit tunnel, and the spirit stick. Familiar for some and new for others.

As a freshman it's hard to know what to do at your first pep assembly, freshman, Katie King who is a cheerleader was a little disappointed that her class wasn't as pumped." The pep assemblies are kind of stupid, the freshman didn't say anything," King said.

"I didn't know what was going on, junior, Frankie Kaiser said. Kaiser knows to stand up and shout but doesn't always want to. "I can't spell and shout at the same time," Kaiser said.

For pros like senior, Alma Cocic pep assemblies are a walk in the park. Cocic has been in Student Council (STUCCO) for three years and STUCCO is in charge of the assemblies.

As much as students complain, Cocic remains optimistic about how STUCCO has improved. "We've done a lot, it's not like we can throw out money," Cocic said.

Sophomore, Sam Turner has been to every single pep assembly. "It's a good way to get everyone involved and have more school spirit," Turner said.

Turner likes the assemblies but would like to see the Isiserettes perform.



Hoover Graduate Adam Haselhuhn presents Drama teacher, Denis Hildreth with a plaque in honor of his hard work and dedication.



Sophomore, Kathryn Zenz and Hali Dolder stand and cheer in competition for the spirit stick. Although classes were divided the competitions continued.



How could our pep assemblies improve?

Sophomore, Tanner Setka

"They need to be longer and players should be more involved."

Junior, Megan Waters

"They could improve by making them longer so we all have time to really interact and get more involved with the activities."

Varsity cheerleaders line up in preparation for the spirit tunnel. This year the first assembly was held outside due to the replacement of the bleachers in the gym.



Senior Carter Augustine gets down with the cheerleaders. Augustine is involved in Student Council and is also on the varsity football team.







**Above-** Senior, Kelsey Manning, Emily Light and Dawn Gaule applaud at the Homecoming assembly.

Left-Senior, Varsity Cheerleader and homecoming nominee Beca Siparaga comforts fellow nominee Senior, Natasha Oakley. Senior, Kendra Harding won Homecoming Queen.



Hoover pep band plays during the first assembly during homecoming week. The pep assembly was held in the new Hildreth auditorium,

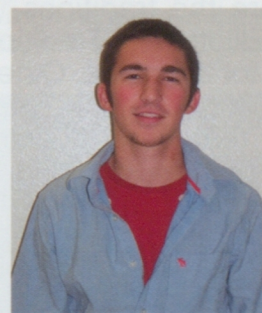


Senior, Chad Boston; Student Body President and Homecoming nominee looks bored during the speech awarding Mr. Hildreth with the auditorium being named in his honor.



"Pep assemblies are fun, because we get out of class and get a little school spirit in."

**Sophomore, Tyler Scott**



"Pep assemblies are alright. Sometimes, they can be kind of pointless, but if they want to 'pep' it up a little more they should make the football team RUN out and do like Husky Jays or break it down. It's lame when they announce the football team and you see a bunch of guys just walking out of a spirit tunnel... not very peppy if you ask me."

**Junior, Gabe Long**





# Never ending traditions

## Why do we continue to use them?

Homecoming Week is full of traditions. Every year the seniors have toga day, there's always a powder puff game seniors Vs Juniors, and a king and queen are always crowned. Then the reason we have a Homecoming, the game.

"The best part of Homecoming Week are the traditions," Senior Ashley Elliott said. Traditions aren't just a lead up to the game. Other sports have traditions too. The cross-country team usually runs from the team the game is played against, and the cheerleaders make fire-ups for the football team. "People get so caught up in traditions. Is this what we need? Is this what we want? Are we doing this just to do it?" Vice Principal Doug Wheeler said. Traditions are part of this school, not only during Homecoming Week but throughout the year. They aren't always planned, people don't always talk about them, but they always seem to happen



(Above) Seniors Kendra Harding and Stefon Brown pose for a picture after being crowned Homecoming King and Queen. (below left) Senior Alison Kirschbaum and Junior Madison Sconiers converse in English teacher Nick Jackson's class. (Below right) Stephanie Linen poses for a picture.







Seniors Quanisha Thomas and Whitney Butts (left) dress up for toga day. Laurah Mwirichia (right) does her school work in her super hero outfit.



Freshman Emily Dungan draws on a car for the car rally while senior Jayne Leveke Watches.

Freshman Josh Johnson, James Stafford and Ray Wilson hang out in the student center on pajama day.

## Days of the Week

**Monday: Pajama Day**

**Tuesday: Seniors-Togas**  
**Juniors-Superheros**  
**Sophomores-Jerseys**  
**Freshman-Twin Day**

**Wednesday: ER Day (Teacher, Farmer, or Surfer)**

**Thursday: Class Day**

**Friday: Spirit Day**





# Into the rush

## With stomps of cheer

Its Thursday night. Fans gathered in the stands as they waited for the Powder Puff game to begin. The stadium lights flashed as seniors rushed out onto the field among loud obnoxious cheers.

Seniors were the obvious favorites as they had the "home team" advantage. But other than that, the game was going to be close. This year's juniors had proven to be a worthy adversary...or have they? Junior Berina Smajlovic's heartbeat raced as she got caught up in the lime light of the game. "We're going to make the seniors kiss our feet!" Smajlovic said. Cheering loud for her team, Smajlovic's excitement reflected in the faces of the junior players. This was their time to shine, if they had what it takes that is.

Powder Puff is only for female juniors and seniors and there's only one game. They have practices on Tuesdays and Sundays, and one or two on Thursdays, from around 5:30 to 8:00, prior to the game during homecoming week.

"We better win this year. Last year's seniors won so we should too," Senior Asia Earnest said.

Interestingly enough, juniors won the year of 04/05, and seniors won 05/06, which was last year. This year, the juniors of 06/07 won. Anyone see a pattern? Strange as it seems, maybe Powder Puff is filled with a jinx. No one knows.

Senior Lindsey Batz gave a small smile as she remembered running out onto the field. "I was ready to win," Batz said.

Regardless of any coincidences, "the referees were (being) as fair as could be", according to Smajlovic. "We beat the seniors and (usually) we never do."

But seniors lost. The final score was 17 to 26.

It was a disappointing night for seniors. They lost last year, and they lost this year too. Faces were down and footsteps dragged as seniors went home. This year might not start off as great as they wanted. This landmark moment, when seniors lost and juniors won, signified a new era for the juniors. "(We were) big dogs on campus for a day," Smajlovic said.

According to Smajlovic, the sophomores have tough competition for them next year as incoming juniors. "Sophomores beware."

Seniors Missy Shaw and Emily Lewis rush as junior Alaina Andorf prepares to block.



"We're going to make the seniors kiss our feet!"

- Berina Smajlovic

Senior Carter Augustine jokes around as he lifts up junior Mitch Stites in an act of sportsmanship at the end of the game. Both Augustine and Stites are coaches.



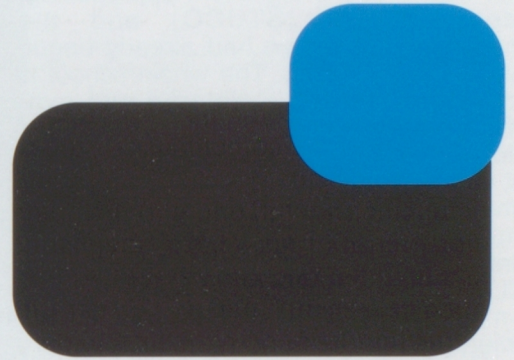
Seniors Missy Shaw, and Emily Lewis show off their customized tee shirts as they waited for the game to start.







Juniors Andrea Callison, Jamie Spina and Jessica Cam laugh as they wait for the game to start.



Seniors Larissa Welch and Meredith Young listen to the coaches during a time out.



Kalina Overton, Asia Earnest, and Danielle Guisinger form a huddle of team uniformity.



Seniors Stephan Sengbusch, Jason Homard, and Drew Thelen cheer on the senior girls.



Senior and junior cheerleaders below, Brandon Drake, Jason Homard, Kacy Messerschmidt, Stephan Sengbusch, Mark Solinger, Chase Anderson, Tahaun Fountain, Gabe Long, Drew Foster, Alex Deeter, and Stephen Crane got together for a one last time before the night ended.

## TOP FIVE Reasons to Join Powder Puff

- 1 fun t-shirts
- 2 male cheerleaders
- 3 tackle other girls
- 4 learn to play football
- 5 show class pride



# Ready, Set, Dress Up!

## Blast from the Past

In like a lamb.....out with a BANG!

Fun, music, and football. That first week in October, when school pride shines through for the majority of high school students, and then carries over into Saturday night.

The Homecoming dance.

Within weeks of the big event approaching, Student Council (STUCO) and the Homecoming committee had already begun planning for the dance. The whole school is decorated with sparkly, colorful and eye-catching posters reminding students about it.

"I think it's kind of cool, but it's a shame that most of the people at our school won't follow the theme," junior Madison Sconiers said.

Sconiers, who is on STUCO, also helped contribute in coming up with the theme.

"Well, Stephanie (Mulstay) brought up the idea and many others thought it'd be a cool idea," Sconiers said. "I just wish there were more options to choose from when we decided." Sconiers paused, "I mean I know it saved STUCO time and hassle, but I wish we had more options."

"I think it's lame," sophomore Jacob Bernholtz said. "(It) reminds me of that Back to the Future show. (I) like the Las Vegas theme better."

Bernholtz also went to last year's homecoming dance.

"It's not about what the theme is," said freshman Katie King. This was King's first year experiencing the excitement of Homecoming. "It's about getting to hang out with your friends for the night and just having a good time!"

King has heard about all the events during Homecoming week from "older people" and was "really anxious and excited" for the time to arrive.

Nothing makes the Homecoming dance more complete than an outfit that relates with the theme.

King said she planned to "get a dress close to the colors" while Bernholtz and Sconiers were still unsure. Junior Ryan Huckins, on the other hand, didn't plan to do anything at all for the dance.

"I'm usually going to another school's (dance)," Huckins said. "(I don't like) the themes (at Hoover)."

Regarding the theme, different students have different opinions, be they good or bad. For some, the theme affects the way they dress up or prepare themselves for the night's event while for others it has no effect at all.

"I just think it'd be kind of cool to come in a 70's outfit (and) as long as people don't start any problems, it'll be a good time. I know I always have fun," Sconiers said.

"(I) just hope everyone has a good time, freshmen enjoy their first year, and if everyone participates, it'll be even more fun for them and others," Sconiers said.

Seniors  
Stephanie  
Hutchison and  
Tyler Rawlings  
take  
a moment to  
cuddle up with  
each other.



Freshman Brad Kimball and some other students dancing to the Cha-Cha Slide. This is their first year attending the Homecoming dance.





Junior Bridgette Andrews and a friend are groovin' to the beat of the music at the dance Saturday night.

What do you like to do after the dance is over?

QUESTION & ANSWER

"(I) go to a friend's house and hang out there."

● freshman Katie King

"After we're done, we just hang out...stay up late dancing."

● sophomore Jacob Bernholtz

"I don't know, it kind of depends."

● junior Madison Sconiers

## TOP 5 Reasons to Go to the Homecoming Dance

- 1 To HAVE FUN
- 2 Dress up wacky
- 3 Chill with your homies
- 4 Show school spirit
- 5 Dance, Dance, Dance!



● Juniors Chase Anderson and Lyndie Hedrick takes a break to sit down and chat. Tables were set up in the Student Center for those who wanted to just hang out.



The baseball field was the main inspiration for building a new athletic complex. New lights, a level field and permanence so that other teams aren't practicing on the field are just three significant changes to it.



Construction workers raise the new baseball field lights with a crane. Waiting for delivery of the lights delayed the completion of the field.



# Complex constructed

## New athletic fields are finished

Baseball on a slanted field. Interesting concept. Not so interesting to those that have been playing on one all of their high school career. For years it's been on the drawing board to make the baseball field more acceptable.

"It was a gradual accumulation of ideas. What do we have to do to get it? Eventually the need exceeded the want," Activities Director Dan McClannahan said. Since the school was built, the idea of a new athletic complex has lingered. The Booster Club had made improvements over the years, and just two years ago a group met to start official planning on a complete new athletic complex. Construction started at the beginning of this past summer break.

"This summer was when they put it all together and it all fell into place. All the planning, research and money were in order," McClannahan said.

"The process of building the new complex started with identifying the needs of our school. Then we had to put together financing. The architects' meeting to plan the layout along with getting input from other people was third in the process and lastly, you just do it," Principal Connie Cook said.

It has a permanent, lighted and level baseball field that is irrigated and will not be practiced on by the football and soccer teams. Also included is six lighted tennis courts, two full basketball courts, irrigated practice fields for soccer and football and a mile walking path. A future turfing of the football field is a possibility.

The inconvenience of construction was one bad aspect of the new facility.

During that time period, the parking lot became smaller because of the trucks that needed space to drive in and out, sports, games and practices were moved. Band and P.E. classes weren't able to use that space behind the school. It was also muddy and the school couldn't use the back doors.

"I would say that the coaches were somewhat frustrated with moving their practices and games, but they understood the importance of the final product and no one complained," McClannahan said.

Having this new facility will be a huge advantage to our school and the neighborhood.



The public is absolutely invited to share the facilities. It'll be like having an athletic park for people to use for family outings and have games. It's an improvement of beautification," McClannahan said. It will also be used to rent out so the school can make money off of it. So even though building a new athletic complex makes some things difficult for a period of time, the end result is worth it.

"The new facility will increase the pride in our school from the community and will give our students a (level playing field)," McClannahan said





The soccer and football teams didn't have nice practice fields until now. The new football practice field provides two goals for them to use. This season during construction in the fall, the team used the field behind the church across the street to practice.



A new mile pathway was constructed throughout the fields.



The basketball court is a popular change. The tennis courts are used now for tournaments because of the installed lights and new position so that it's not in the middle of nowhere. It was also resurfaced. The football practice field is just beyond the two.



P.E. holds class in the big gym. In addition to the outside athletic complex changes, the gym received a new makeover as well. There's a new floor, lights, bleachers, and the P.E. class got a new basketball retriever.



A student sits in P.E. class. "HOOVER" was painted at the ends of the big gym near the doors.





Shelly Ward shakes Mrs. Cook's hand as she receives her certificate.



The junior class yells for their chance at winning the Spirit Stick.

# Outstanding leadership

Not everyone knows exactly what Student of All Seasons is all about. The purpose of Student of All Seasons is to pick five seniors who are caring to others and have amazing leadership skills. There are about 40 nominees and only five of them can be chosen.

"I think some people should not be nominated because they just want the glory, but some of them really deserve it," nominee Danielle Fried said. In order to become a nominee, one must have at least a 3.0 grade point average, be caring to everyone and do some sort of service project.

"I do some things with my church like check up on people at their homes, clean out their yards and see if they need help with anything," nominee Tim Bales said.

Some people feel that Student of All Seasons is biased and is just based on the popularity of a person. All of the nominees are chosen by teachers and the winners are voted on by the student body. "I don't really feel like I have a chance at winning because it's a big popularity contest and it's not fair," Fried said.

When all of the nominees are chosen, the student body votes on three people and the top five people with the most votes are the winners. The winners are announced at an all school assembly where the parents of the nominees attend.

"I'm going to buy a new outfit before the big day," nominee Allison Kirschbaum said. "I'll be disappointed if I don't win the award, but I will know that I participated and that I deserved the award as much as anyone else did."

One by one the nominees walk across the gym. Information is given about them as they go to greet their proud families. Finally the winners are announced and a special plaque with their name is given to them.

"If you want to be Student of All Seasons, you should get involved with lots of things," Fried said. "Just make yourself known."



Arnold Woods, Shelly Ward, Mirela Tursunovic, Drew Thelen, Troy Strom, Josipa Beca Sipraga, Melissa Shaw, Stephen Sengbusch, Elyse Schooley and Julia Rude all wait for the winners to be announced.

"It's just a big popularity contest and it's not fair," said nominee Danielle Fried.



Stephen Sengbusch shakes Mrs. Cook's hand as she congratulates him and gives him his certificate.



# And the winners are..

Sasha Francic

Kendra Harding

Darryl Brooks

Akilah Jackson Rushing

Chad Boston



The winners of Student of All Seasons (left) show off their plaques that they received for winning. The senior class (below) yells their victory cheer to win the Spirit Stick.



The Pep band plays the school song before the assembly.

## How To Make Yourself Known

- Get involved in extra curricular activities
- Make yourself the teacher's pet
- Make friends with everyone (including underclassmen)
- Do volunteer work
- Be involved with your school



# Winter Formal truly a formal

## Jeans banned from winter formal dance.

In past years, Winter Formal has become somewhat in-formal due to the fact that people have worn jeans and haven't been required to dress formally. This year STUCO made it an official rule that if students showed up wearing jeans, they wouldn't be able to enter the dance.

But does having this rule really make it a formal?

"Yeah, because you won't have everyone showing up in jeans," senior Angela French said.

It seems like a good rule, but money could play a part in this for some students. "Some people would spend just as much on jeans," French said. The rule became official in an abrupt manner. Student council debated the issue up until the week before the dance and then made it official.

Junior Ben Gordon had heard about it, but thought that it should have been publicized more through announcements and the newspaper. "I understand why they would make that rule but it still sucks," Gordon said.

There were many complaints and a new lack of interest in attendance which brought second thoughts to the student council.

Freshman Katie Hawks thought that the rule was unfair. "People should be able to express themselves through their clothes," Hawks said. The dance's attendance was not that of years before, but it was still a success.



Juniors Toni Hickem and Isha Amara (above) dance together.

Sophomores  
Kristin Hukill  
and Jordan  
Saltonstall  
pose on the  
bridge at  
winter  
formal.



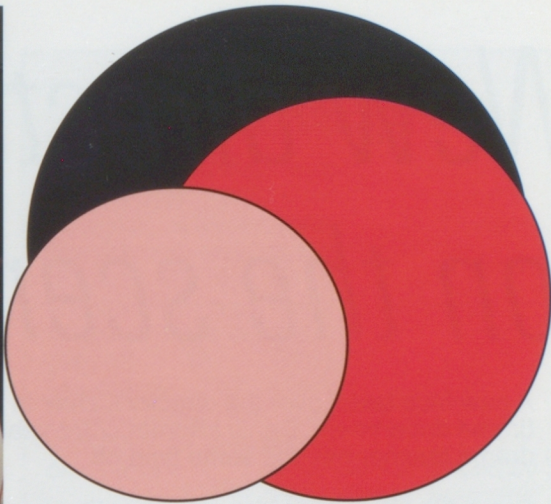




Students mingle on the lower level of the Botanical Center during the dance.



Juniors Mitch Stites and Carlinda Hedrick pose at winter formal.



Juniors Eden Stokka, Leslie Millard, Katie Lovan, Hillary Butlar, Jolie Monroe, and Jennifer Stites (above) stop chatting for a moment to pos for the camera.



Sophomore Shaun Knapp (left) sings karaoke in the side room.

### Masquerade Masks



Junior  
Amber  
Dingman

Fresh  
man  
Alyssa  
Gourd



Junior  
Andreanna  
Schooley

Some people were excited for the theme to be a masquerade ball and decided to go all out with the masks.



# New director on the scene

A new face takes over the director's chair in the drama department. Denis Hildreth, 23rd year drama teacher needed some time off.

Cate Miller directs the fall play, the "Elephant Man." With Miller's experience in drama through Meredith Middle School and Roosevelt High School, the direction was left to her.

The "Elephant Man" is about John Merrick who suffered from a rare disease. His disease caused parts of his body to grow abnormally large.

"I love the story and the depth is incredibly challenging," Miller said. Hildreth thought about doing this drama for awhile. It was a theme both him and Miller strongly agreed with.

"The play is going excellent. The actors have adapted well," Hildreth said. Miller sees directing as a challenge when working with someone else's system. "Hildreth has a good system so it makes it easy," Miller said.

Student director, sophomore, Jordan Taha, likes Miller, but questions if it would be better with Hildreth since he's had more experience. With Miller directing the play, "it's an interesting change," said senior Matthew Henry, "but wouldn't want her all the time."

Miller is doing a good job directing the play," senior Kat Tow said. Actors tell Miller that she's not mean enough. "Hildreth is way more mean," Tow said.

For the most part Miller gets along with the actors and finds herself surprised seeing what's in them. "Actors tell me others aren't being exceptable, they don't tolerate slackers," Miller said.

"They are dedicated and act the same as professional actors' level of expectations," Miller said.

Miller and Hildreth have different methods for directing. Miller had actors memorize lines before rehearsal started for actors to start faster. "They both expect the same, Work hard," said Henry.

So far the play is right on schedule for the opening night Friday, Oct. 19th. "I really feel privileged to be part of the drama department. It's the best around, hands down. Kids have opportunities here that some smaller colleges can't offer," Miller said.

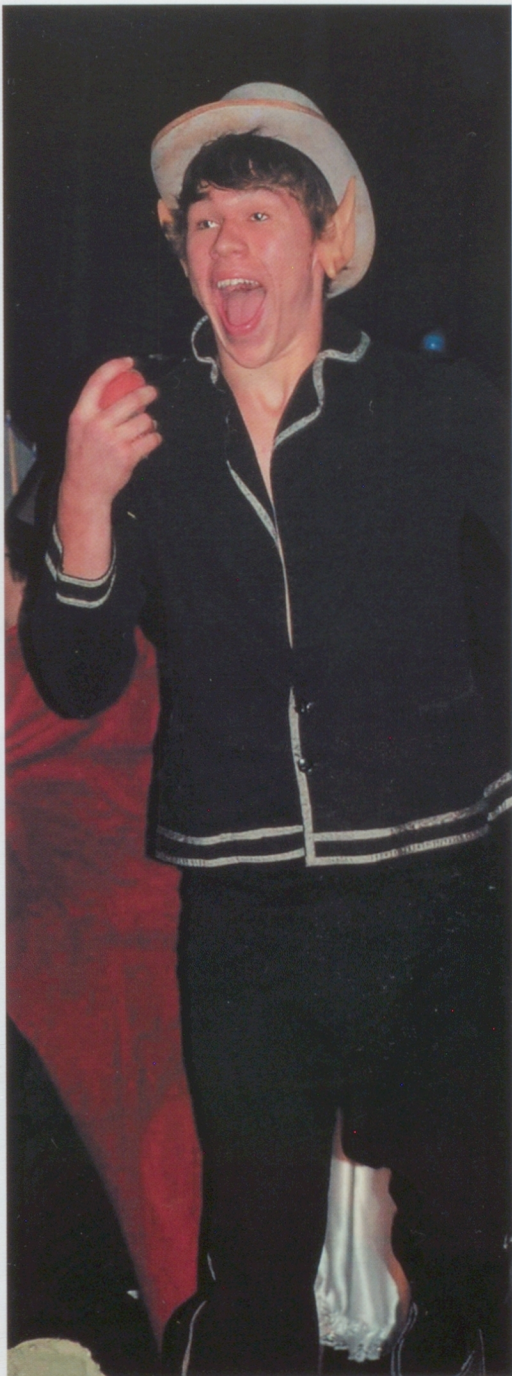


Sam Kyker at dress rehearsal (above) held this facial expression throughout the play to fit the character of the Elephant Man. Kalina Overton (left) played the role of the Fat Lady in the Freak Show.



The Pin Heads (above), Bea Rendon, Hillary Olson, and Whitney Woodyard stand around Fredrick Treves played by Grey Lovelace, during a dream he sees himself in.





# Actors face a change



Stephanie Mondon, Adam Sterns, and Patrick Bremhorst all were part of the Freak Show opening scene

Matthew Henry (going clockwise) juggles during the opening scene of the play. Tim Nelson played the Monkey Boy. The Contortionist played by Kendra Swanson seduces Adam Sterns who played as the Freak Show Manager. Jason Homard was the Wolfman. Ryan Trump, the Wolfman.

## Quick Recap!

The "Elephant Man" was set in the 1800's in London, where John Merrick was seen as too hideous for the freak shows. He was then taken in by a surgeon played by Grey Lovelace. The story shows how he was effected in the world around him.

John Merrick played by Sam Kyker was the Elelphant Man. The Elephant Man was a deformed man who stuggles for normality. Johen Merrick had a rare disease that caused his skull to become the size of a man's waist. The left arm of the Elephant man was normal while the rest of his body was deformed.

The actress, Ms. Kendall, played by Sheila Olson was asked by the surgeon, Frederick Treves to allow John Merrick to experience woman interaction. During their time together, Ms. Kendall and the Elephant Man bonded a lasting friendship.



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# Oh Snickersneeee!!!

A play written by the students

From Koo Koo, Eboila and Phischsticks to the Prop Mistress, Glucks and the executioner, the Plukato was full of laughter. The Plukato was originally The Mikado. The drama students helped to rewrite The Mikado into The Plukato. "We rewrote the songs, character names, and location of the play," junior Jessie Christensen said.

"It took us about a week or two to rewrite what we wanted to change in the play," sophomore Jordan Saltonstall said. "We (drama students) all sat down together and went through the play and rewrote whatever we found was necessary," freshman Edward Rodriguez said.

Mr. Hildreth was the one, who wanted to do the play in the first place. "It's a commedia tradition that the (drama) students rewrite a lot of the play," Rodriguez said. The Mikado originally took place somewhere in Asia but we changed the play to being located on Pluto. The Plukato has ruled that any who were unmarried and flirted would have their heads chopped off. Phischsticks is the son of the Plukato, but has run away and was masquerading as a touring comedian in a town. There he meets Koo Koo and falls in love with her but she is to be married to the executioner of the town.

Things get complicated and hilariously funny as the audience is taken on a journey of ups and downs. To make things ever worse, many obstacles arise between the tow lovers. Simply put, the Plukato is a comedic love story that'll make anyone double over with tears.

"My favorite character is Eboila she was in love with Phischsticks but he is in love with Koo Koo. Eboila, played by Sam Kyker was my favorite character because he was hilarious," Rodriguez said.

"I love being in plays. I have a lot of fun on stage with my friends," Saltonstall said.

Senior Kat Tow (bottom left) makes an intense speech as she plays the role of The Plukato, the ruler of Pluto.

The Glucks, seniors Kelsey Keiran. Elyse Sinklier, juniors Anthony Olson and Drew Foster (below) try to give their condolences to Koo Koo and Phischsticks played by senior Sheila Olsen and junior Stephen Crane.







Junior Adam Beaves(left) who plays Goto thinks of a way to get out of trouble since The Plukato is coming.

Junior Stephen Crane (below) who plays Phishsticks and senior Sheila Olson who plays Koo Koo flirt together even though they are not supposed to.



Junior Sam Kyker (above), Ebolia, makes a fuss when Phischstitticks will not marry her.

Junior Stephen Crane sings a song during the play looks terrified as junior Sam Kyker tries to seduce him.

### Student Profile: Stephen Crane

Name: Stephen Crane

Grade: 11th

Role: Male lead Phischsticks

In Drama: No

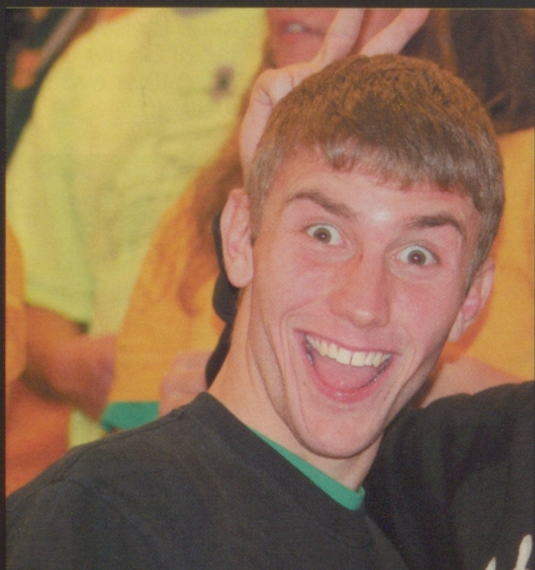
Reason for trying out: My friend (Alex Deeter) wanted me to try out

Quote: " Go out for plays, they're sweet!!





# Seniors



Stephen Sengbusch (left) makes a funny face at a basketball game to show his support.

Danielle Guisinger (right) prepares to cheer for the basketball team. Guisinger made the dawg pound shirts this year, which she is wearing.



Elyse Schooley (below) jumps up and down, laughing and singing along with friends to the bands at Entertainment Tonight. People's Republic of Funk was her favorite band of the night.



Abu Darboh (above middle) turns to make a funny face while working on a paper in Mrs. McNeal's class after school.

Wantee Cooper (above) lifts free weights after school for soccer practice with Coach Faidley and half the team.

Sharena Curry (far right) sings in choir at a fall concert.

Steven Young (right) stops to video tape the camera person. Young takes radio/TV with Mr. Johnson.





# Color me ready

Jake Levine (below) shoots for a three-pointer which he makes at the buy out basketball assembly. He's been playing basketball for four years.

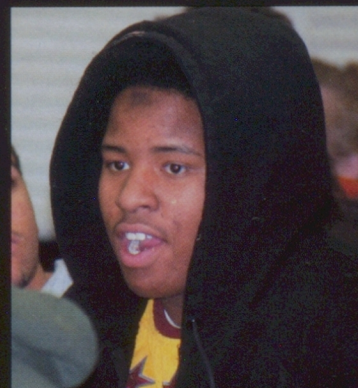
Kenyon Murphy (below middle) makes a funny face as he waits for the basketball game to start.



Patrick Williams (top) puts his game face on at Entertainment Tonight before he plays the NCAA video game.

Sheila Olsen (above) video tapes the Homecoming assembly in the auditorium.

Alma Cocic (right) poses for the camera at a football game waiting for it to begin.



Cody Parker (left) is in mid-sentence at Entertainment Tonight. He watches his guy friends play Halo II and NCAA video games.





Maurice Aduto



Christian Alvarez



Alena Anderson



Carter Augustine



Barbara Baccam



Shazif Bachelani



Lauren Baeth



Donisha Bailey



Timothy Bales

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Mitchell Ballard



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Charlee Banghart

Ricardos Baring Jr.



Lindsey Batz



Semir Becirovic

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Almir Beganovic

Who is someone you will never forget?

I will never forget Coach Tate. He always made you smile or laugh.

Larissa Welch

My teacher Mr. Pilcher because of the big impact he has made on my life here at Hoover.

Jayne Leveke

Mr. Maxwell because he was an awesome person and truly listened and helped people.

Danielle Guisinger



Karissa Bell



Ashley Bevington



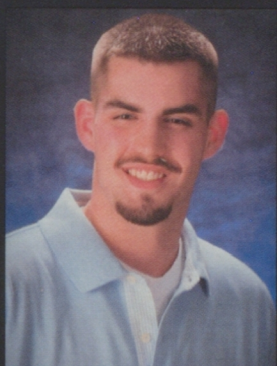
Carter Augustine hangs a poster on the senior section for a pep assembly.





Michael Bicket

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Jacob Birdsell



Michael Boatwright



Chad Boston



Ursula Brandt



Darryl Brooks



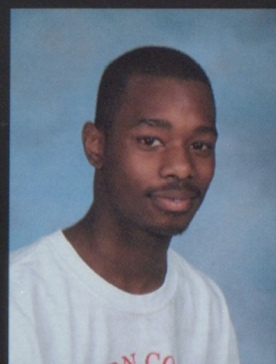
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Lasha Brown



Marie Brown



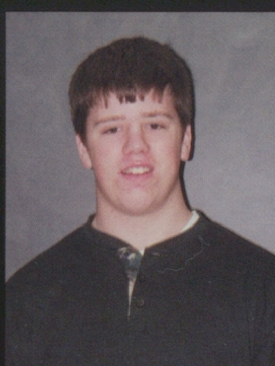
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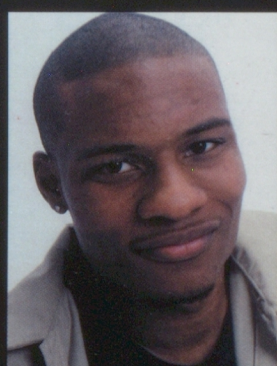
Alexander Bruce



Emmanuel Bundu



Sean Bunn



Daniel Butts



Whitney Butts

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Thomas Carpenter

Renicka Carter



Natasha Oakley enjoys her time at a Leadership Conference.



What is something you can look back on and laugh?

Just being silly and having fun with friends. Just being kids.

Nicole Gooch

All the stupid things people did.

Amanda Welch

All the times my friends and I would come back from lunch and have the music blasting in my car. Just being stupid and having fun.

Angela French







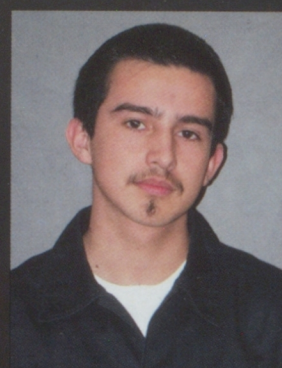
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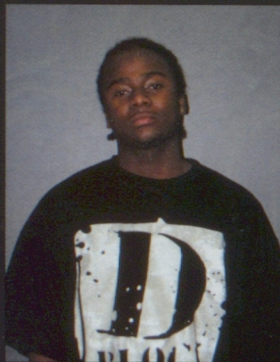
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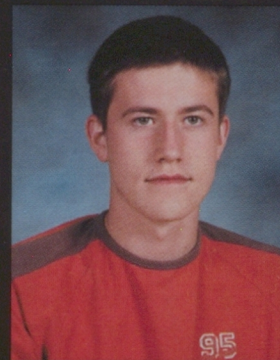
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Gillian Dietz



Loan Dinh



Dusan Djordjevic



What are your words of wisdom?



Never follow, always lead. Never let anyone tell you that you can't do something.

Tamisha Bekish

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who matter don't mind and those who mind don't matter.

Shaina Evans

Make your last year your best.

Drew Thelen



Brandon Drake



Nyahok Duop



Kelsey Keiran and Kelsey Manning pay attention during drama practice.





Asia Earnest



Patrick Eaton



Bailey Eginore



Ashley Elliott



Shaina Evans



Tyler Fox



Sasha Francic



Angela French



Danielle Fried



Dawn Gaule



Van Giang



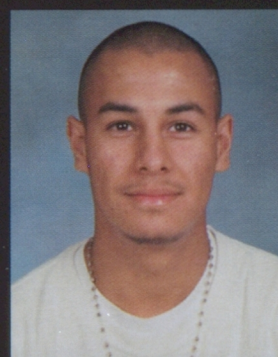
Danielle Gibbons



Kari Gladson



Zachary Gogerty



Jose Gonzalez



Nicole Gooch



Shawn Gude

## What are your words of wisdom?

It doesn't matter if you're cool or pretty as long as you're a good person you will go far.

Lindsay Sample

Keep pushing threwh but when the going gets tough thats when you push the hardest.

Antonia Vergara

Get involved in as many activities as you can because it will help keep you out of trouble.

Debbie O'Brien

Jacob Hestbech and Stephen Sengbusch cheer on their senior-girls at the Powderpuff Game.



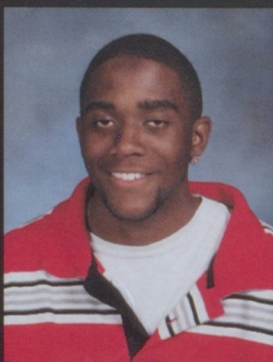




Tiffany Guerrero



Danielle Guisinger



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Kendra Harding



Denisha Harvey



Stevi Hellickson



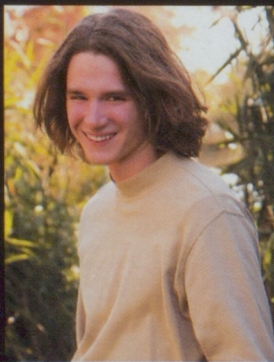
Matthew Henry



Jacob Hestbech



Shilea Holt



Jason Homard



Elizabeth Howett



Jade Hughes



Jazmynn Hutchings



Dylan Imhoff



Who is someone you  
will never forget?



Mrs. Murphy  
because she is  
always her own  
person.

Marie Brown

Mr. Eller because he  
always does  
something random.

Jade Hughes

Kayla Odem, she is  
one of my  
best friends.

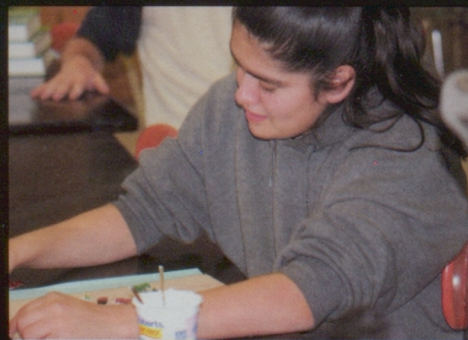
Amanda Rumer

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Tiara Ingram

Jonathon Ingram



Yuli Luna shows  
her spirit by  
coloring in SPIRIT  
group.





Jasmina Ivankovic



Britney Jackson



Akilah Jackson Rushing



Sarah Jacobi



Tyler Jensen



Alexander Johnson



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Melinda  
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Kayla Karst



Kelsey Keiren



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Krista Kent

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Machelle King



Allison Kirschbaum



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Jasmin Koco



Joyelyn  
McGregor wakes  
up from a nap at  
a senior board  
meeting.

What is something that  
impacted your life in  
high school?

Being in clubs with  
people who I don't  
normally hang out  
with.

Elyse Schooley

The Rachel's Challenge  
Assembly, it made me a  
better person.

Natasha Oakley

The people I hung out with  
helped me become more  
mature and wise about my  
decisions.

Mandazesha Cason





Nikki Krugler



Michael Kuhlenbeck



Vanity Lamay



Martha Lazo



Stephanie Leinen



Jayne Leveke



Jake Levine



Emily Lewis



Emily Light

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Xia Wei Lin



Rachel Lindstrom

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Joseph Lomoti



Austin Lovelace



Yuli Luna



Deonte Mackie



When did you feel like giving up?



My junior year I had my hardest classes and I was overwhelmed.

Amina Mujkic

Just about everyday.

Duran Thomas

Last year when I got into a lot of trouble and it was a heavy load to carry.

Karissa Bell



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Kelsey Manning

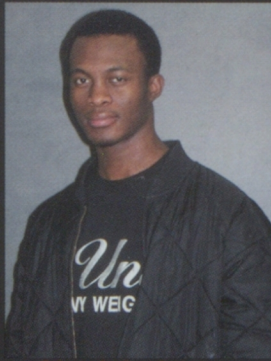
Hector Malamoi



Steven Sengbusch, Jason Homard, Melissa Shaw, and Nyahok Duop get ready to win the game during a pep assembly.



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Ashley McGregor



Jocelyn McGregor

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David Melendez

Sanuel Mason



Gloria Melo Vazquez



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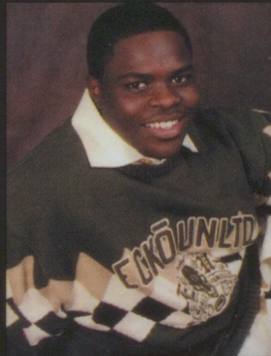
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Benjamin Mesinovic



Kacy Messerschmidt



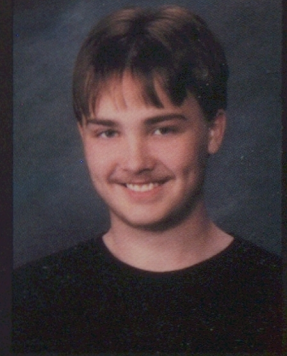
Mathew Millsap



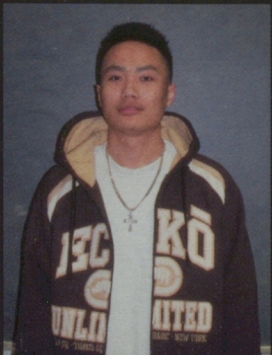
Amina Mujkic



Kenyon Murphy



Anders Nelson



Tony Nguyen



Deborah O'Brien

Dawn Gaule stops to take a breather after running in a cross country meet.



When did you feel like giving up?

Senior year when you finally reach the end

Midhas Sabanovic

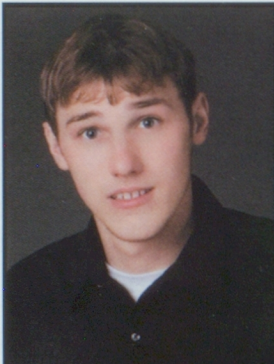
In the middle of five page essays when you run out of facts.

Troy Strom

My junior year I was sick for six months and thought I'd neer get better but school aided my healing.

Missy Shaw





Sean O' Tool



Natasha Oakley

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John Olson



Sheila Olson



Alexanderia Osborne



Kalina Overton



Kenneth Overton



Cody Parker



Germario Patton



Jacqueline Pauk



Melissa Penton



Jessica Perry



Kelsie Pinegar



Laci Powell



Lisabeth Prado



What major goals have you achieved?



Reaching my senior year and making it through this horrible highschool.

Sarah Jacobi

Getting a good score on my ACT's.

Kelsie Pinegar

Becoming a senior and I didn't let anyone stop me from getting here.

Candies Merrill



Marcus Pudans



Chelsea Rail



Sarah Jacobi shows off her toga during home coming week.

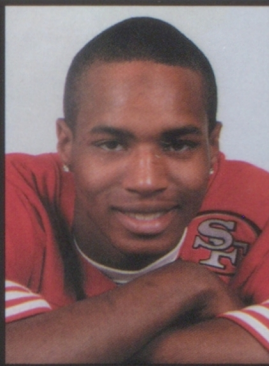




Michelle Ramirez



Tyler Rawlings



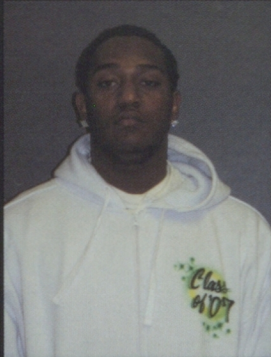
Dantaze Richardson

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Jacob Rinehart



Zakia Roby



Robert Rockwell



Yvette Rodriguez



Danial Rohrer



Casey Rooker



Julia Rude



Amanda Rumer



Glendon Rutherford



Jocelyne Sample



Jessica Sampson

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Jonathan Sandoval



Austin Schaller



Mark Schlieff



What do you plan on doing after highschool?



After high school I plan to do whatever I decide after May.

Beca Sipraga

Moving out and getting a full time job then saving up money for college.

Samantha DeWitt

Going to college to become a nurse.

Mai Penton



Jessica Ware, Amanda Welch, and Mandy Cason strut their stuff at Winter Formal.







Elyse Schooley



Stephen Sengbusch



Kelli Shaffner



Melissa Shaw



Elyse Sinklier



Josipa Sipraga



Christa Smith



Mark Solinger



Juan Solis



Kevin Stammer

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Ryan Stammer



Kathryn Stoen



John Stoltze



Troy Strom



Mirnesa Suljic



Who is someone you will never forget?



Stephanie Hutchison, my loving girlfriend, who I plan to spend the rest of my life with.

Tyler Rawlings

Mr. Wheeler, he taught me how to be a leader and take control.

Shelly Ward

Mrs. Roney because she helped me the most when I had eye surgery. She never gave up on me.

Kayla Townsend



Brooke Sutton



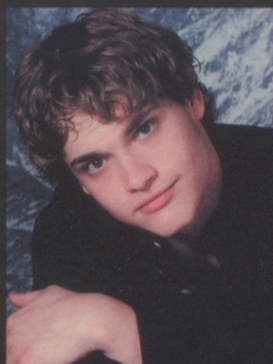
Emina Suvic



Beca Siprage lays in pain at the Powderpuff Game after hurting her knee.



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Andrew Tant



Daniel Tasler



Drew Thelen



Duran Thomas

Teandre Talton-  
Trumbo



Marquez Thomas



Quanisha Thomas



Mary Thomsen



Alan Thorsen



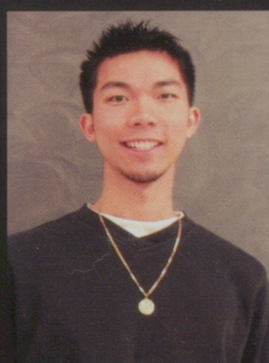
Samuel Thorsheim



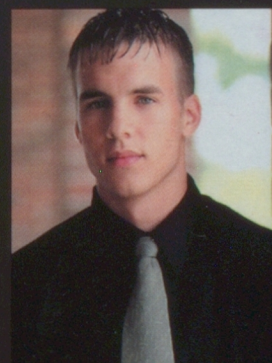
Kathleen Tow



Kayla Townsend



Liem Tran



Kirk Trimble



Abby Troyer



Ryan Trump



Mirela Tursunovic

Shelly Ward and  
Elizabeth Howett  
enjoy their time  
at a Leadership  
Conference.



What do you plan on  
doing after  
high school?

Going to  
DMACC for a  
management  
degree.

Elyse Wilson

More school, I  
plan on going to  
U of I.

Stephen  
Sengbusch

Going to college  
to become a  
teacher or going  
into computer  
and graphic  
design.

Kenneth  
Overton





Omer Vejzovic

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Tanesha Vivian

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Zoran Vojvodic



Roseline Wah



Michelle Ward



Jessica Ware

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Michael Weber



Amanda Welch



Larissa Welch



Laura West



Colin Whittie



Crystal Wilhelm



James Wilkerson



Patrick Williams



Elyse Wilson



What will you miss after high school?



Everything and everyone but the homework.

Barbara Baccam

My friends, everyone's doing something different after high school.

Asia Earnest

Being a kid. There's nothing more fun.

Emily Light



Arnold Woods III



Kelsey Wren

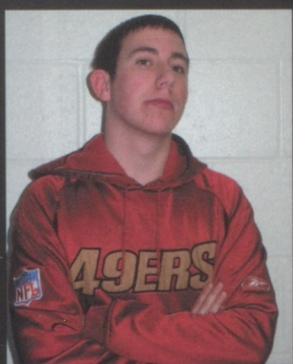


Tamish Beckish performs at a basketball game for the step team.

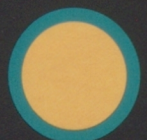




Meredith Young



Steven Young



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Mitchell Ballard  
 Ricardos Baring Jr.  
 Almir Beganovic  
 Jacob Birdsell  
 Thomas Carpenter  
 Brienne Decker  
 Meksud Hamdic  
 Jonathan Ingram  
 Arishyka Jung  
 Xia Wei Lin  
 Joseph Lomoti  
 Hector Malamoi

Samuel Mason  
 Benjamin Messinovic  
 David Melendez  
 John Olson  
 Jacob Rinehart  
 Jonathan Sandoval  
 Ryan Stammer  
 Teandre Talton  
 Trumbo  
 Tanesha Vivian  
 Zoran Vojvedic  
 Michael Weber



Danielle Guisinger starts to march in the parade at the Beaverdale Fall Fest. This is her third year on color guard.



Stephanie Leinen, Kendra Harding, and Larissa Welch smile for the camera when making dog treats for the Animal Rescue League. National Honor Society and Best Buddies sponsored the event.



Alec Damm turns to talk to his friends Stefon Brown and Robert Rockwell while wondering the halls during class.

Seniors get ready to yell for the spirit stick at a pep assembly.



## What do you plan on doing after high school?

Going to ISU to get my masters in psychology and architecture.

Ashley McGregor

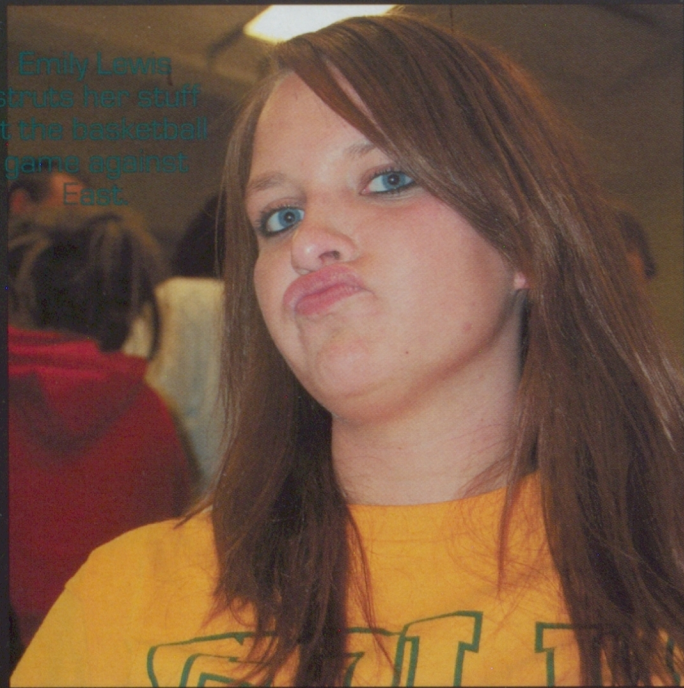
Do good through college and get my dream job.

Danielle Gibbons

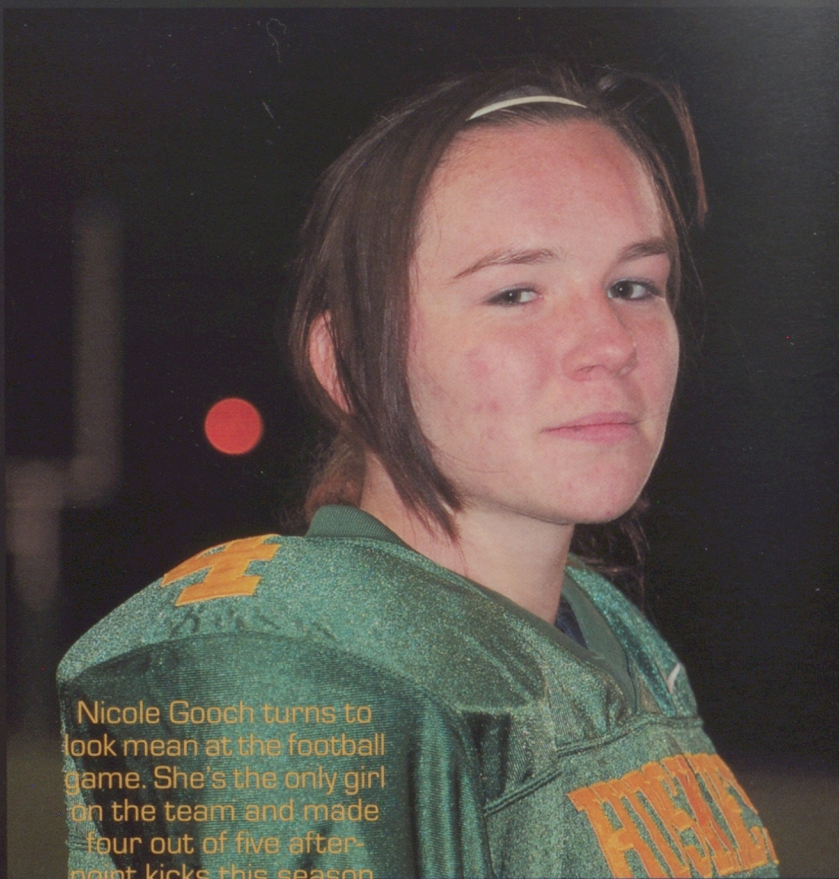
Make it through the next four years of college.

Kendra Harding





Emily Lewis struts her stuff at the basketball game against East.



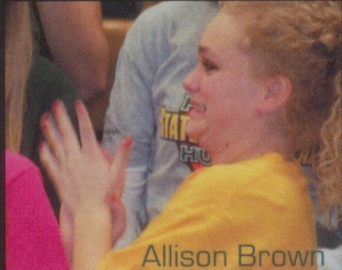
Nicole Gooch turns to look mean at the football game. She's the only girl on the team and made four out of five after-point kicks this season.



Stevi Hellickson and Nyahok Duop stick out their tongues at the boys basketball team.



Arishyka Juog cuts and pastes in a FACS class.



Allison Brown claps hard as our team makes a basket.



Toiane Johnson takes the time to practice in heart and soul.



Ashley Elliott yells for the game winning basket at a basketball game.



Who is someone you will never forget?



My debate coach John Rubino because even though we didn't always see eye to eye, he was always there for me.

Christa Smith

Mrs. Eilers, she was always there for me and believed in me no matter what.

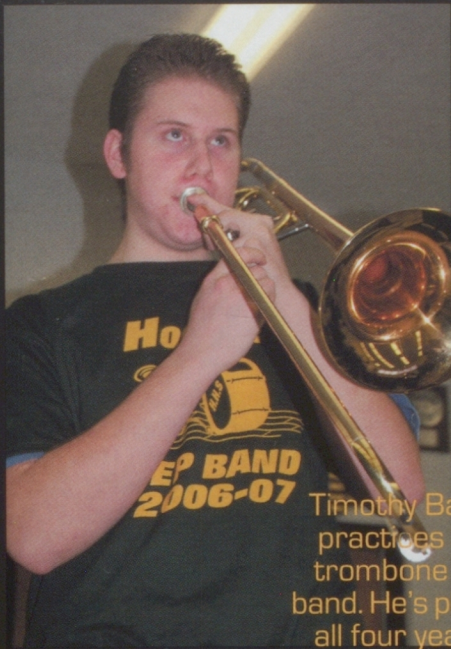
Loan Dinh

Timm Pilcher, he taught me and gave me a sense of freedom. He helped guide me to what I want to do in life.

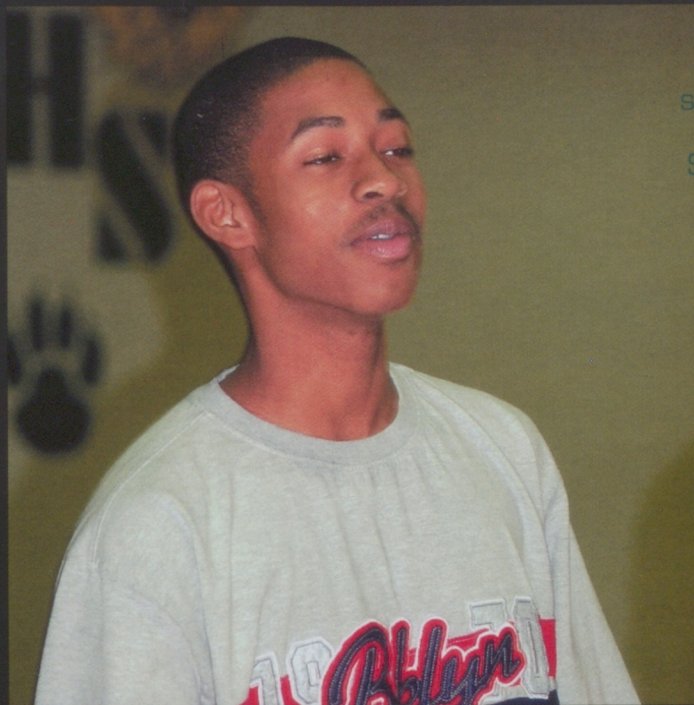
Elizabeth Howett







Timothy Bales practices his trombone for band. He's played all four years.



Darryl Brooks speaks out to the crowd at a SPIRIT meeting.

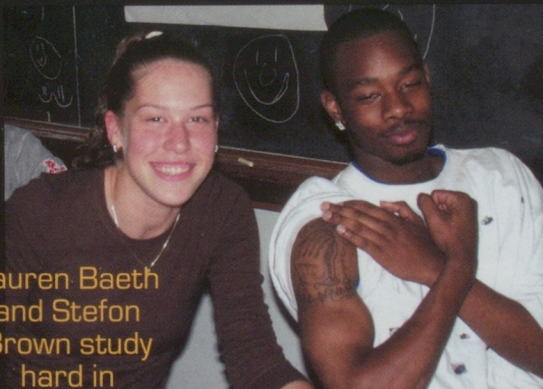


Senior Girls strategize during powderpuff practice

Jazmynn Hutchings sits in the stands at a boys basketball game.



Tiffany Guerrero makes a fish face while watching a basketball game.



Lauren Baeth and Stefon Brown study hard in Government class.



Renicka Carter dances for the step team at a basketball game.

## What is something that impacted your life in high school?

Newspaper, I wanted to be a doctor but now I want to be a magazine reporter.

Deonte Mackie

High school made me realize that if you want something to happen, you have to do it yourself.

Nyahok Duop

Everyone will remember my name from losing both years in Powderpuff.

Kari-Lynn Gladson



# Athletics

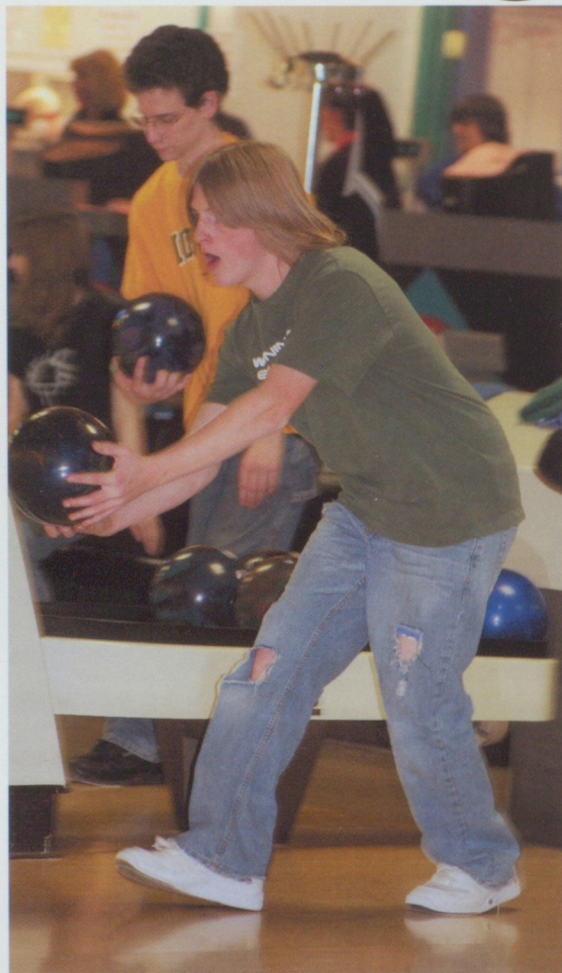
## Color me

## Competitive



Senior Dawn Gaule (above) is blazing ahead as Newton runners trail behind. This is Gaule's second *and* last year running on the cross country team.

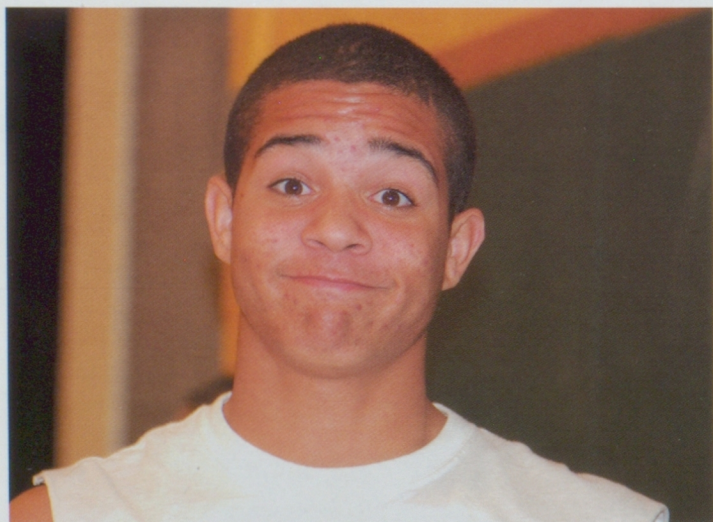
Junior Cody Smith (below) takes a moment to make a face after playing basketball at Entertainment Tonight.



Freshmen Alayna Bailey and Kelly Reiersen (below) run like the wind during their cross country meet at Sleepy Hollow. This is the first year that both girls have been on the team.

Sophomore Brian Drake (left) prepares to launch a bowling ball as junior Chad Nelson is in the background carefully choosing out a ball.

Freshman Qiana McCurn and junior Chane Brooks (bottom) perform a STEP routine during halftime at the game versus Dowling Catholic. This is the first year that Hoover has started a step team.





Freshman Yolanda Reyes (far right) takes part in cheering on the football team at the homecoming game.

The volleyball and basketball teams have to adjust to a new home court. The large gym (right) was newly renovated earlier this year. It now reflects our Husky pride in a new light, literally.



Junior Chardae King, seniors Jazz Hutchings and Nyahok Duop and juniors Ashley Kitchen and Andrea Jones (above) give the camera 'the look'.

Senior Julia Rude (left) is exhausted after running her race at the Hoover versus North meet. This is Rude's first year on the team but she's also been involved with basketball, softball and track.

Senior Jayne Leveke performs a cheer at the homecoming pep assembly. The assembly was held in the Denis Hildreth Auditorium due to the fact that the large gym was under renovation at the time.



# Its just the beginning New coach, new ideas and a new beginning!

Hoover playing defense against Sioux city north.

R.J. baring number eleven, Cody Smith number 2 and Matt Freeze number fifty one try for the tackle.



This year the football team has 3 new things. A new practice field that they haven't been able to put to use. A New coach that they seem to like, and have a lot of faith in him. "I like him. He is a really cool guy who just wants us to be successful, and I think he will turn us around in the long run" quarterback Mike Kuhn said. Mike has been on the team for 3 years. They also have many new ideas that they want to accomplish for this year.

The team had many new people come out this year. "I think that people wanted to give the coach and the team a chance, so they decided to come out for the team" Kuhn said

The new coach has led to new assistant coaches. More players has led to new jerseys. "We have never had this many people come out so it was great and I mean since more people came out we got something out of it, new jerseys junior running back Joe Markey said.

Some of the new ideas this year is that the football team has a new player, not just any other or original player, they now have a GIRL on the team Senior Nicole Gooch, is one of the kickers for our football team. "I mean having a girl on the team isn't bad or any different, we don't treat her any different as we would the other boy players, if she comes out and does what she has to then I don't think anyone minds" said sophomore Deambre Zanders.



Laron wilson (above) with the cary trying to make a touchdown Laron is a sophomore and made varsity this year.

Left- The offense gets ready to make another play nad try for the touchdown.



Also something new is we're getting a little more support from the school and our friends, but we could always use more" said Markey. "Getting support and knowing that people are cheering and watching the game instead of last year when you would look up and see people not paying attention. It really sucks" Markey said.

Just think that our football team is new and will have great things to accomplish. "I think that this year is a rebuilding year for us as a team, and for the coaches, but this year and next year will be a new beginning for the football team"Zanders said.



Our players,trying to take down a Sioux City player at one of our home games.



Varsity kicker Jacob Jacobi (left) takes the kick. Jacobi has been the kicker since his freshmen year.

Two of our players tackle the Sioux City North opponents.

Sophomore varsity player Laron Wilson (left) takes a drink of water.



Varsity Football team from left to right Mitch stites, Cody Smith, Stephon James, Jermaine Woods, Kyle Pederson, Mike Kuhn, Ryan case, Tahuan Fountain Dusan Djordjevic, Devlin hogans R.J Baring Herman Mure, Justin Woods,Steven Sangbush Joe Markey Kenneth Robinson, Andy Allen Collin Whittie, Matt Freese, Aaron Ginn, Robert Rockwell Aaron Gottl, Jacob Jacobi, , Dantaze Richardson, Steven Kerr, Troy Strom, sean Bunn, Cody Parker, Kirk Tremble, Matt millsap, RYan Anderson, Kourtney Hall, Evan Wilson Peter Shoneberg, Carter Augstine, Moroni Torres  
Managers- Tiera Ziegler, Jasmine Hayes, Medeja Donalogic, Erika Tyler, Chantelle Wildt , ErinWright, Tia Mure, Te-Aria Mahany  
CoachJustin Danieli, Mitch Elbert, and Byron Williams  
Varsity Cheerleaders- Sherna Curry Kari, Gladson, Akila Jackson-Rushing, Amanda Fordyce, Aisha Earnst, Barabera BaccamLaurah Mwirichia,Leslie Millard, Bec Siprouga Shelly Ward, Kendra Harding, Sam Ricke, Jessifca Perry



## Eight New Things About Coach Elbert

- 1 His First name is Mitch.
- 2 He has been coaching for twelve years
- 3 He started as an assistant in 1995
- 4 He has a son and a wife.
- 5 He is thirty three years old.
- 6 He teaches reading 180, here at Hoover.
- 7 He was born in Iowa.
- 8 He use to coach at Ponca Nebraska.



# *There's no "I" in TEAM*

*Swimmers work together to form the team.*

Going to meets and practicing aren't the only things the girl's swim team does. They do a lot of fun activities such as freshman initiation, camping and going out to eat after meets to form a special bond with one another.

"Swimming is a good way to meet new people. Everyone is very accepting and we are together a lot," freshman Emily Dungan said.

This year freshman initiation was a big success. The freshman had a choice to be initiated and dressed in funny costumes; almost everyone wanted to do it just for fun.

"I was surprised, this year the freshman were all excited for initiation. They wanted us to make the make-up we put on them look uglier," sophomore Becca Leffler said.

For the most part all of the girls on the team get along. It doesn't matter if they are freshman or seniors, but sometimes there can be some drama.

"The seniors are pretty nice, but sometimes they make us clean up after them," Dungan said. "I have learned not to say anything behind anybody's back on the team, because it gets around like no other."

The younger swimmers all have an older swimmer on the team known as their "big sister" who help teach and encourage them in swimming.

"If the younger girls need help, we will teach them strokes, give them rides, and help them in school," senior Stephanie Leinen said.

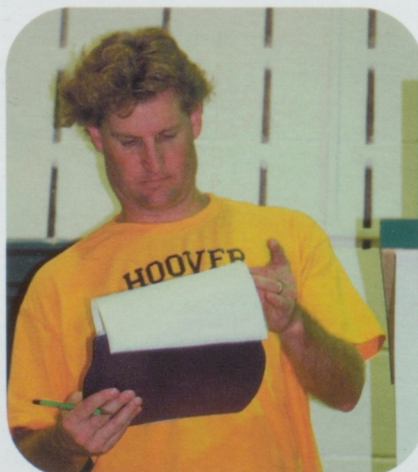
The North invitational meet is one of the team's most favorite meets to compete in, because they know and get to meet a lot of new people.

"I see a lot of my friends at the North invite. I cheer everyone on even if they are on a different team," Leffler said.

The girls say that their friendship with one another will probably last a lifetime. They encourage anyone who is thinking about joining the team to do it.

"The girls come together as a team and cheer for everyone. Win or lose, it's how they function as a team, that's what makes me proud," swim coach Anita Leveke said. "I can't think of anywhere else I would want to coach."

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-Emily  
Dungan***



Coach Tim Brown prepares the girls for a meet.



Ashley Bevington listens to music after swimming her race.



# Reasons To Join the Team....



Sophomore Becca Leffler **1**



Junior Ashley Signs **2**



Senior Stephanie Leiner **3**

**1** "They would have a lot of fun. It's hard work but it's worth it. You learn a lot about leadership."

**2** "Swimming is a blast; it's so much fun. You form special bonds with the girls, because you are with them all the time."

**3** "You get to meet a lot of new people, and there are a lot of fun events."



The Girls talk and get ready during a meet.



The swimmers hold the one mile markers for their teammates.



Madison Sconiers works on homework before practice.



Freshman Bobbi Jo Pentico and Annie Bach pose for a picture during freshman initiation.



Busy cheerleaders. Many times they're stereotyped as being just dumb blondes who do stupid cheers at games. That's not what these cheerleaders are all about.

"Cheerleading is hard, you have to dedicate your time to it and work hard," says senior Kari Gladson.

Cheerleaders are a huge part of Hoover. They partake in tons of activities for the school all through the year. "We do husky pups, Beaverdale parade, fundraisers, pep assemblies, side walk painting, car rally, and more," says senior Beca Sipraga.

Cheerleaders are a huge part of homecoming week. They do the car rally, car bash, signs in a hall way, the pep assembly and more. "I love it all," says Junior Haley Schniker.

A brand new thing they just started this year is a competition team. They have about three competitions through out the year. Its not just cheerleaders but there are a few on the team.

Another new thing is drill team or POM. About five cheerleaders are on the team along with other Hoover girls.

Students may not have realized how many activities cheerleaders actually do. Cheerleaders are always doing something dealing with the school.

They put in a lot of time for our school. "We have practices twice a week and we are always busy doing something else out side of practices," says Sipraga.

# Talk about being busy

*what you don't know about cheerleading*



Amanda Fordyce concentrates while they get ready for there stunt at the Beaverdale Fall Fest.



Top: JV team lofts sam into the air at th Gator Bowl

Bottom: All the cheerleaders join together to cheer with the husky pups



Varsity Team Photo

Last: Shelly Ward, Kari Gladson, Amanda Flordyce, Laura Mwirichia, Sam Ricke, Leslie Millard, Akilah Jackson-Rushing, Barbara Baccam.

Front: Sharina Curry, Kendra Harding, Beca Sipraga, Asia Earnest, Jessica Perry

## TOP FIVE activities

1 Competitions

2 Games

3 Pep Asemblies

4 Spirit Tunnel

5 Fire-Ups





Even though its pouring down rain, they're still out there supporting our team.



Brittany Berry, Asia Earnest, Katie King, Alex Kilgore, Miriah Goodson, Alison O'Braza, Kylie Van Houten, Fooling around before the beaverdale parade



**Jayne Leveke**  
"I love being able to pump up the crowd."



**Sharena Curry**  
"My favorite thing is dancing and stunting."

**Jessica Perry**  
"Stunting rocks!"

**Akilah Jackson-Rushing**  
"I love being everybody's favorite base."

**Kendra Harding**  
"I love dancing at the pep assemblies"

**Kari Gladson**  
"I love being friends with the base."

**Barbara Baccam**  
"I loved making up the dances for homecoming."

**Shelly Ward**  
"Firing people up and getting the crowd involved."

**Beca Sipraga**  
"My favorite thing is the social aspect."

**Asia Earnest**  
"My favorite thing is performing."





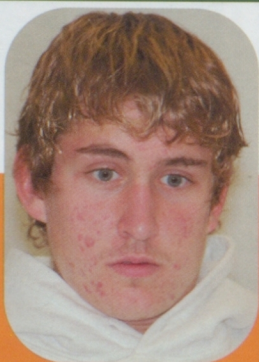
# New season, new swimmers

*How are they doing?*



## On to state!

Mark Solinger



Mark Solinger  
Age: 17  
Grade: Senior  
Height: 6'3"  
Weight: 175 lbs  
Activities: Senior Board, Swimming, NCYL, Soccer.

(Below) Junior Joe Ghormley pushes off the wall as he swims in the ---.



## Hoover/North/Saydel MEET SCHEDULE

1	11-30-06 Marshalltown	58 to 110 L
2	12-2-06 Ames Invite	69 pts 7th place
3	12-5-06 Grinnell	84 to 86 L
4	12-7-06 Indianola	68 to 102 L
5	12-9-06 Husky Invite	299pts 3rd place
6	12-14-06 Ft. Dodge	79 to 91 L
7	12-18-06 Valley	54 to 115 L
8	1-4-07 Roosevelt	69 to 101 L
9	1-6-07 Hoover Invite	no score kept
10	1-13-07 SEP Invite	35 pts 3rd place
11	1-22-07 SEP	94 to 76 W
12	1-25-07 East/Lincoln	90 to 80 W
13	1-27-07 Johnston Invite	147 4th place
14	2-1-07 Ottumwa	65 to 105 L





Cole McCauley (below) swims fast as he races in the free style.



Thomas Henry comes up for a breath while swimming the ---.



**The last three years boys swimming has won conference. How are they doing this year?**

They've won two out of nine meets this year. They won against S.E. Polk and East/Lincoln/ Norwalk. Out of all the invites they placed 7th, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, and 4th.

Last year they had about eight or nine seniors. This year they have three. They had four at the beginning but one left the team.

This year they have a big disadvantage because with only three seniors, they are very limited because they can only swim in four events so they had to use inexperienced underclassman in the other varsity events.

Senior Alan Thorsen swam for Hoover all

four years. Thorsen swims in sprint freestyle ,relays, and breast stroke. "We have to work a lot harder because we don't have enough people," Thorsen said.

"Last year we lost half our varsity line up," junior Adam Bourland said. Bourland has been swimming for three years now. He swims in the 200 free, 500 free, 200 free relay and the 400 free relay.

This year has definitely been a hard year for the boys swim team, but they still seem to cheer on their team no matter what.

"When people are swimming there's always someone cheering them on," Bourland said.

"Hopefully next year will be a better year, but we had a lot of fun this year," Bourland said.

Chris Faust (to the left): gets ready to go under at the conference meet

**HOOVER**  
**SWIMMING**



# *Lifting weights instead of running at practice?*

## Boys cross country team starts weight lifting at practice to better season.

Upper body strength, lower body strength, and weight lifting. That is what the boys cross country team has to keep up in order to stay fit.

They want to make sure that they can be the best you can be. The boys weight lift to keep in shape and to build endurance.

"We weight lifted in the summer at North," senior Kenyon Murphy said. "We weight lift about 20 to 30 minutes and run about 40 minutes," junior Zach Toole said.

Weight lifting is said to affect and/or approve runners.

"I think it is helping," freshman Michel Bell said. "If you keep on doing it for like 15 minutes it gets easier to do it," sophomore Doug Gaul said.

"We run about ten meets on average and I wish there were a little less," Murphy said. Both the boys and girls run between 10 to 14 meets a season. "I think we have (enough) meets," Toole said.

Weight lifting is only in the fall, in the winter months some of the runners have sports to keep them busy like swimming, wrestling, and basketball.

"I'm not sure if we practice or run in the winter," Gaul said.

Weight lifting helps build up stamina and endurance.

"Weight lifting helps us run and stay strong," Murphy said.



(Back row) Zach Toole, Adam Bourland, Ryan Flemming, Nathan Joy, Doug Gaule, Mike Bell, Brad Grier, (Bottom Row) Marwan Yugusuk, Patrick Murph, Kenyon Murphy, Daniel

Sophomore Doug Gaul takes a breath right after he finishes a race.





# On your mark, get set, go!



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2



3

1

Junior Hanna Allen gets ready to run.

2

Allen sprints to the finish.

3

Allen gets a bucket of water on her after she finishes the race!



Senior Allison Kirschbaum Relaxes after she finishes the race.



Last: Scott Schoneberg, Allison Kirschbaum, Kelly Reierson, Julia Rude, Cara, Mary Thomson, Emily Light, John Howett,  
Third: Andy Schooley, Renee Rickenbacher, Jodie Hughes, Sophie Morris, Alyse Messa, Gabby Engelken, Ellie Johnson  
Second: Elizabeth Elliott, Liz Howett, Katie Hawks, Alayna Bailey, Kayleigh Wren, Jamie Spina, Hillary Pierson, Kristian Woods  
Front: Lacy Douglas, Anna Strait, Kelli Shaffner, Liz McInroy, Dawn Gaul, Katie Stites, Amber Gaumch

## New location, same great team

## Girls cross country team has a new home at Camp Dodge.

Big hills, lots of meets, and a new home at Camp Dodge. What does that have to do with the cross country team? Everything. Because Hoover is under construction, the team had to move their home meet location.

"I don't enjoy Camp Dodge because of the big hills, I miss running and practicing at Hoover. It's easier, because it's a flat track," Senior Allison Kirschbaum said. Kirschbaum has been running at Hoover for three years. "On average we have nine meets, that's enough for a season," junior Jamie Spina said.

"I'm not sure why we have our home meets at Camp Dodge," Kirschbaum said. "I don't like running at Camp Dodge, because of the really big hills. It's tough running up the big hills, but it's worth it in the end," freshman Kayleigh Wren said.



Boys basketball push it to the limit

# Expect the unexpected

Being nothing but the best

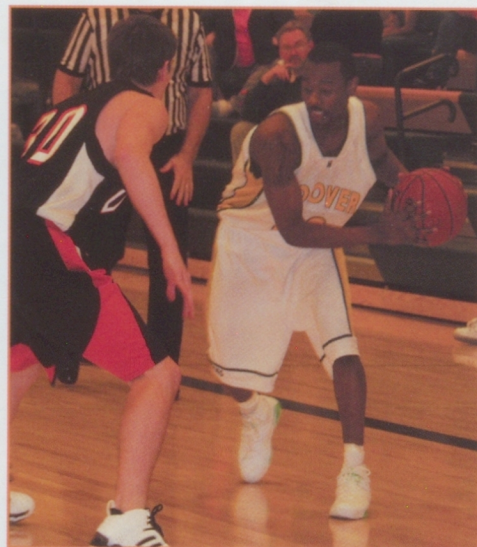
Senior captain Stefon Brown kisses his arm before a freethrow. This was Brown's ritual before every freethrow.



(last row) Kevin Parker, Evan Eastman, Sasha Francic, Devon Campell, Chad Boston, Dantaze Richardson, Robert Rockwell  
(second row) Robert Patton, Peter Shoneberg, Stefon Brown, Dylan Imhoff, Jake Levine, Mike Kuhn  
(front row) Jon McCutchin, Charles Burrell, R.J. Baring, Jermaine Woods, Patrick Williams



(Coaches) Charles Zanders, Jim Naahas and Jamell Crawford



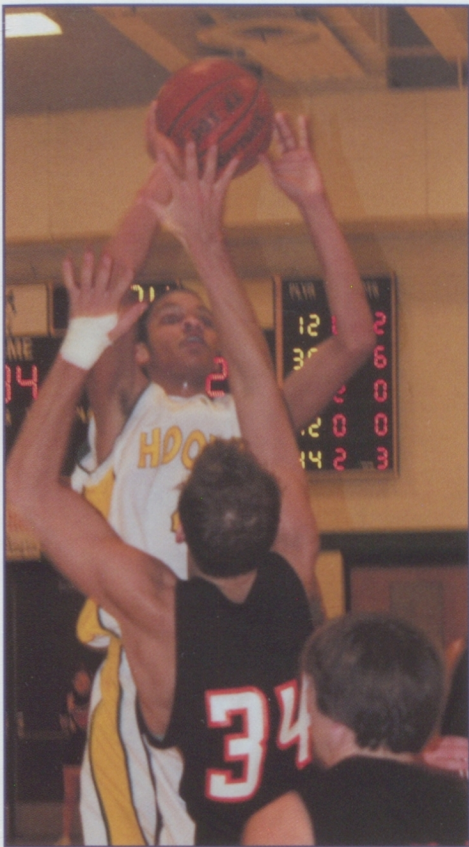
## THE LOSS.....

The team had one of the worst sub state games playing Des Moines East, since they had beat them twice in conference games the huskys thought they could get to the Wells. Soon their dream came to a halt when they heard a whistle blow with 1.5 seconds left in the 4th. The ref had called a foul on junior power forward Robert Patton. Junior, Kevin Parker said. "That was one of the worst calls in hoover history. He wasn't the only one that thought that either. Coach Charles Zanders was so amazed by the call that he recieved a technical, giving East a chance to lead by 5. The huskys lost the game, a game many thought was BS. "We couldve won that game, and they took it from us," junior Chantelle Wildt said. "You just dont make a call like that with 1.5 seconds and a sub state game, what were they thinking" Coach Charles Zanders said. That made the team more determined....to get there next year. As the team has been saying, "they robbed us", getting that from the foul they called on Patton.

Senior guard Chad Boston goes through Urbandale defenders attempting to get a basket.







### How do you feel about this years basketball team?

"Everyone has big expectations for the team because its Hoover, but they are not the state team so I think that's hard to live up and maybe that's why they are going through so much."

Sophomore Abby Van der beek

"I think if they all work as a team and some poeple wouldn't try an doddo it all by themselves it would be better."

Junior Frankie Kairser

### How do the former champs feel about this years basketball team?

"I think they need to play like a team." Alumni Damir Dazific

"I think they are good they just have to work and play as a team." Alumni Ray Miller

"When they learn how to play like a team, and talk on the court that is when they will start to win but they're a great team."

Alumni DeAnthony Zanders



Expect the unexpected. The boys basketball team is trying to do what no one expects from them, and that's to win. They have been faced with a challenge that no one expects them to achieve and that is being just as good or better than the 26-0 undefended and also the 2006 state champs.

The boys do not want to be anything but the best. "We played against the best team in the state in scrimmages all last year. They taught us a lot, we can do it if we put our mind to it, senior captain Stefon Brown said in a recent newspaper article.

The boys started the season ranked top 10 in the state; many people did not think that would happen. "When I found out we were ranked, I didn't care. I was just ready and focused for the season," junior point guard Jermaine Woods said.

The team has high expectations, from coaches, fans and also from the players that were on the state team last year. All you hear is that since the boys team is not returning any starters, it means they're not going to be good.

"I think that the team will be good, it's going to be great to see what they do this year and if they can do what the state team did last year or maybe even better" junior Frankie Kaiser said.

"Just because they didn't play much last year doesn't mean anything, they played against the best team and that made them as good as they are" junior manager Jasmine Hayes said.

Senior guard Chad Boston (far left) going up for the shot against West Des Moines Valley in a earlier game this year.

Power forward, junior Robert Patton (left) goes past a Valley defender to get to the basket. The huskies played well, but lost that game.

We just want to come out and make something happened that hasn't happened for awhile and that is to make it back to state 2 years in a row junior Charles Burell said.

"I think that we can make it back to state. If people will stop trying to do it all by themselves and come together as a team and go out and play and make things happen," Woods said.

"Whatever you'll be paying seven dollars to watch us at wells Fargo" junior power forward Devon Campbell said.



Coach Charles Zanders gives the boys a pep talk before they go back into the game.



# Catch you on the Swoosh side

Swoosh...dribble dribble...swoosh swoosh...one by one the ball falls into the hoop. This was how practice should've been. For junior Alyssa McNeeley, it's not always like that. Practices don't always run smoothly, and not every shot goes into the basket.

Every day except for game days, practices are held three to five, sometimes five-thirty. The girls run through plays, do drills, and conditions themselves for the game. The game they live for.

"A lot of times [basketball] affects my schoolwork" McNeeley said. She has school 7:40 a.m. through 2:35 p.m. Then there's intense practice from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The drive home seems especially long, but the dinner time surprisingly short. The time to do homework is up for grabs after that. "Sometimes I'm up until 11:30 or 12:00 p.m. just doing homework," McNeeley said. Then tomorrow comes and her schedule repeats. Over and over again.

For all the hard work these girls do, what do they have to show for it? The metals and trophies around the school show more than enough for the eyes. But the crowd turn out? Not that pleasing.

"People at Hoover are more into the boys [basketball] than the girls," Coach Haywood Boston said.

It's not hard for fans to see that girls do an amazing job game after game. Whether they win or lose, they work hard and motivate each other every day. The little appreciation they get from fans say a lot about the pride fans have for the girls.

"It's nothing against girls," Boston said. Hoover has always been more active with boys' sports. Maybe times can change this year. "The potential to go to state is there, they just need to work on it," Boston said.

The team is aiming for the conference win. If everything goes well, they'll win more than just a few games, they'll win the participation of all their fans. Girls are just as important as boys, let's see if the fans figure that out.



Last: coach John Nelson, Ericka Hussman, Anna Moody, Apajok Wal, coach Haywood Boston, Nyahok Duop, Jazmyynn Hutchings, and coach Jim Petersen. Middle: Coach Jeff Fleming, Katie Zenz, Charisse Brown, Stephanie Hernandez, Ashley Kitchen, Alyssa McNeeley, and coach Michael Brown. Front: Tiffany Guerrero, Chardae King, and Andrea Jones.

## How to make a ... **Playa' Sandwich**

2 slices of **ambition** bread  
1 jar of **courage** mannoyase  
1 jar of **team effort** mustard  
a ton of **Husky pride** ham slices  
and a head of **hard working** lettuce

\*Take a picture and show the players. It'll be a photo to remember!

Sophomore Katie Zenz (below) feels the weight as she takes a time out to rest. Zenz tries to regain focus as she watches the game.

Junior Chardae King runs down the court as the team shows their support.



Freshman Alayna Bailey keeps her eye on the ball as a defender tries to block her.







Junior Stephanie Hernandez follows the ball as a Dowling defender blocks her.

## Highlights



Juniors Jacob Jacobi, Zach Toole, Chase Anderson and senior Troy Strom cheer and sport their spirit fingers right before a free throw. These four are familiar faces at the basketball games.



Sophomore Ericka Hussman takes a water break during the game and tries to relax. The tension was high as she watched her teammates play. This is her second year on the team.

## Baller Spotlight

**Name:** Ashley Kitchen

**Grade:** Junior

**Current Sport:** Basketball

**Number:** 44

**Played:** 3 years

**Position:** Guard, Starter

**Likes:** chinese food, peanut sandwiches, hanging out with friends, going to the movies, playing basketball, and just being goofy.

**Dislikes:** peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, haters, school and the homework from classes, and having a job.

**Why basketball:** My dad played with me when I was a little kid and ever since then I've been hooked. I've played on and off the court practically my whole life. It's what I do and what I know how to do. And I'm good at it.



Junior Katie Lovan laughs as she heard a funny joke during halftime. Lovan and others like her are regulars at the games. She loves to show her school spirit by loud cheers and rants.





Kenyon Murphy moves in for a pin on Ottumwa's opponent. Hoover-North wrestled Ottumwa for their senior night on Jan. 25. Murphy qualified for state this year for the first time and placed sixth.

## Wrestlers! Drink Up!

During wrestling season, wrestlers cut weight so they can wrestle at the lowest weight possible. They want to wrestle the smallest opponent they can in hope that the match will be easier and allow them to win.

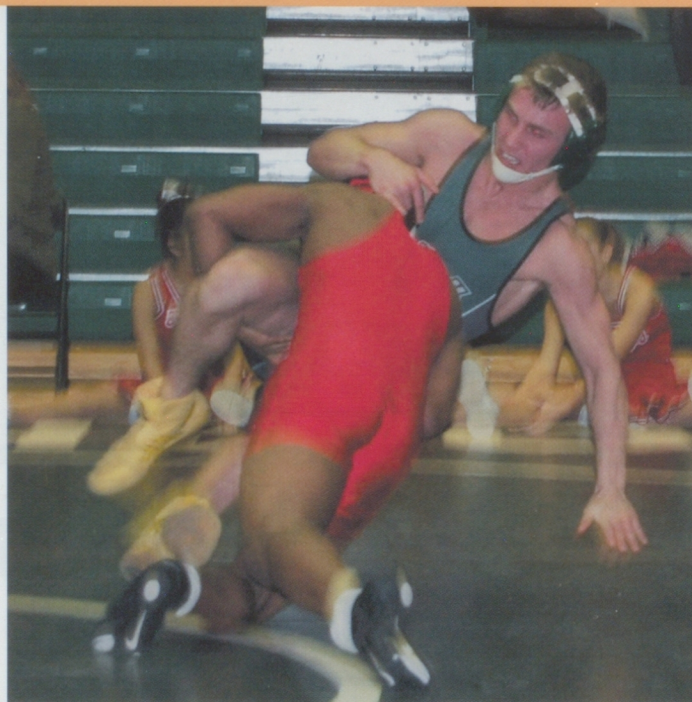
Due to new regulations, wrestlers find it harder to wrestle at the lowest weight they prefer.

"The new State of Iowa rule requires wrestlers to pass a hydration and body fat test at the beginning of the season that says how low they can go," head coach Gene Hildreth said. This rule for the wrestlers is becoming more popular in the United States for the safety of the wrestlers.

It's common for wrestlers to dehydrate themselves during wrestling season to try to cut weight before their match. This year wrestlers are not able to cut as much weight because of the results of the tests at the beginning of the year. "The new rule is crazy. It sees if you're hydrated and when you do the fat test it decides how many pounds you can go down a week," sophomore Mark Russell said.

Wrestlers have to urinate in a cup to test for hydration. If they don't pass, they have to keep retaking the test until they are hydrated. "The hydration test sucks because you have to be hydrated which means your weight goes up so you can't wrestle as low as you want to," senior Stephen Sengbusch said.

"Parents worried about wrestlers dropping so much weight, kids were sick and not healthy," Russell said. The rule began because a lot of wrestlers were getting sick from dropping so much weight during the season. "The rule has done some good for the wrestlers. Now they are focusing on their health and what they should be eating," Hildreth said. "It allows me to stay healthier because I'm not cutting as much weight. It's easier because it doesn't look like I'm dying," Sengbusch said. Though the new rule may seem like a perfect solution, it's a disadvantage to the smaller weight wrestlers because they are not able to go down as low as possible otherwise. "One of the wrestlers wanted to go down to the next lowest weight but they were off by one pound, now he's stuck wrestling bigger guys," Hildreth said. Even though the new rule has its ups and downs it's all around healthier to the wrestlers. "I feel that I'm more competitive, not as sickly, and a lot healthier," Sengbusch said.



Stephen Sengbusch wrestles Ottumwa opponent on senior night. This is Sengbusch's third year on the North-Hoover team.

### Rules to the Match

- \* Each wrestling match is 3 periods long, 2 minutes each period.
- \* 6 points earned for the team if wrestler pins opponent.
- \* 5 points earned and match is over if wrestler is ahead of opponent by 15 points.
- \* 4 points earned for the team if the wrestler wins by points against the opponent.
- \* 2 points earned every time wrestler takes down the opponent.
- \* 1 point earned when wrestler escapes opponent.
- \* Opponent gets a point if wrestler uses bad language, starts to wrestle before the ref's whistle, or pulling opponent's arm back too far in the match.



# Boys tee off



Last: Coach Steve Lundholm, Peter Wall, Ben Lockin, William Kennedy, Chase Anderson, Bob Newma  
Front: Josh Woodyard, Zach Toole, Gabe Long, Charlie McInroy, Nicholas Hestbech



## Why Play Golf?

Golf is a nice relaxing game. You have to be relaxed to concentrate. In golf you have to have a clear mind and just think about the ball and where you want it to go. If you don't have a clear mind then it could miss up your hole put. Golf is a nice way to keep things out of your head that are bothering you for a little bit.

After the CIML champs and Jack Newman graduating, the golf team is on its way to another great season.

Junior Gabe Long has played golf for about two years now.

Before a match Long tries to get more sleep and also has a bowl of Wheaties. He tries to breathe in and out every slowly and focuses on the ball not the people around him.

He does his homework between 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

"I always get nervous before every shot," Long said.

"Our team's not the best, but every player has improved, and if you ask me that's what counts."

Sophomore Ben Lockin has played for ten or eleven. Lockin doesn't really try to get extra before a match.

"Just whenever I get my homework done" he said.

he concentrates on his pre-shot routine to keep himself relaxed and does his home work mostly on the bus to school every morning.

"First drive of the day, the rest is okay" said Lockin when he was asked about getting nervous at a match.

"Golf isn't as easy as it looks either," said Lockin.

"The ball does wacky things, if one thing goes wrong it could mess up the whole match," said Lockin.

Lockin thinks this year will be a rebuilding year after losing all the seniors last year. There are none on the team now but "next year we have a good chance in winning the CIML."

Freshman Charlie McInroy has played now for four years. McInroy doesn't really try to get extra sleep before a match, or eat anything special.

McInroy just tries not to think about anything and tries to stay confident to keep himself relaxed. He gets time to do his homework. It just varies to when he can do it.

"Golf's pretty hard, you just need confidence in yourself," McInroy said.

He thinks they could win the CIML this year, and has never played with Jack Newman.

"We can't rely on Jack for a save," said Long

"It's tough, but we can't do anything about it. We miss him though" Said Lockin when asked how he feels with Jack Newman this year.

### Things Needed for Golf...

- ~Custom fitted clubs
- ~Water proof golf shoes
- ~Casual comfortable clothing
- ~No jeans or arm shirts

Junior Gabe Long poses for the camera. He is on the Varsity team.



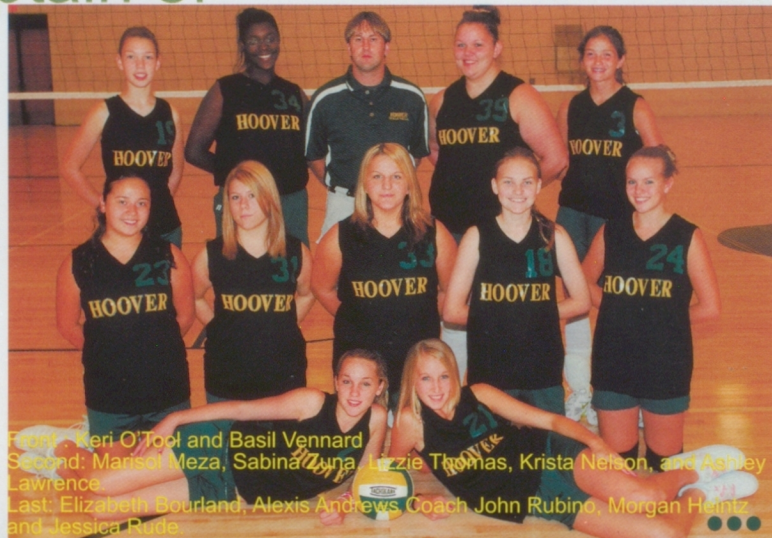
Freshman Charlie McInroy is also on the Varsity team.





# A new year a new team

Lauren Baeth comes to Hoover for first year and makes captain of varsity.



Front: Veri O'Tool and Basil Vennard  
Second: Marisol Meza, Sabina Luna, Lizzie Thomas, Krista Nelson, and Ashley Lawrence  
Last: Elizabeth Bourland, Alexis Andrews, Coach John Rubino, Morgan Heintz, and Jessica Rude

Bump, set, and spike are three very important things to remember while on the court playing volleyball. Although, according to the players these are just the basics. Freshman Victoria Jones, and senior Lauren Baeth, agreed that "the most important thing to remember on the court is to stay low and watch the ball." Baeth the captain of the Varsity team has never played high school volleyball. She attended Meredith for middle school, and then transferred to Urbandale for high school she is now back at Hoover for her final year of high school. She found the time to hang out with her friends after her athletic activities. Baeth, who also plays soccer, has a very busy schedule. Many of the players have busy schedules. Lauren and her friends liked to go to the mall and eat.

This year, was also freshman Elizabeth Bourland's first year of playing high school volleyball, or even on a team at all. Bourland, attended Hoover part-time and was home schooled. After youth group Bourland found the time to hang out with her friends. Her and her friends liked to talk, and hang out at the park.

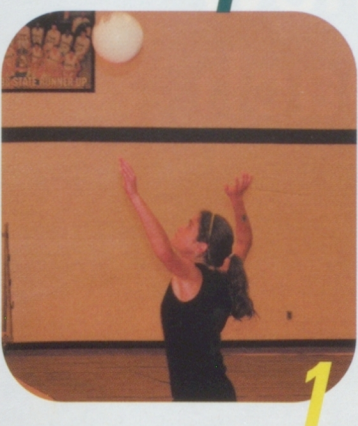
All of the volleyball players had to eat well to keep going. To prepare for games Bourland liked to eat granola bars, snack mix and drink water. Freshman, Krista Nelson, said "No sweets, and try to eat well before." Nelson said that she prefers to eat at least an hour or two before a game.



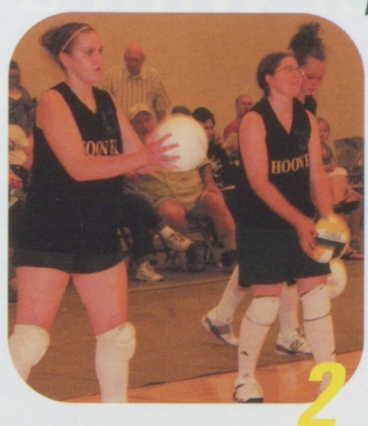
Chelsea Rail and Abby Van Der Beek hold hands to make the play before the serve at the game against Dowling High School.



# Bump Set and Spike



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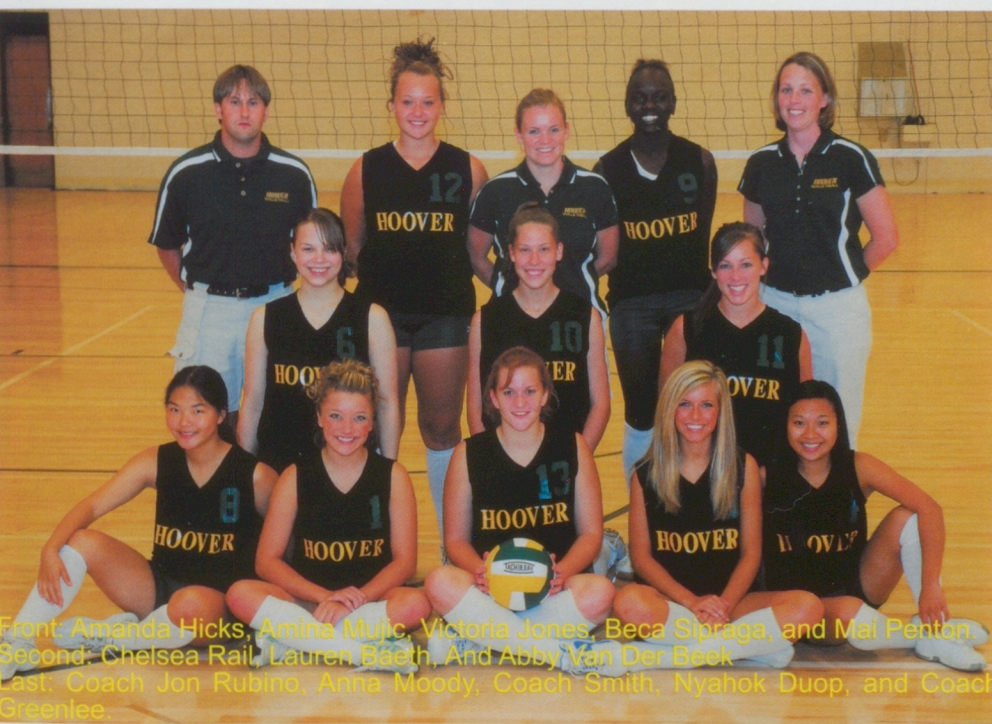


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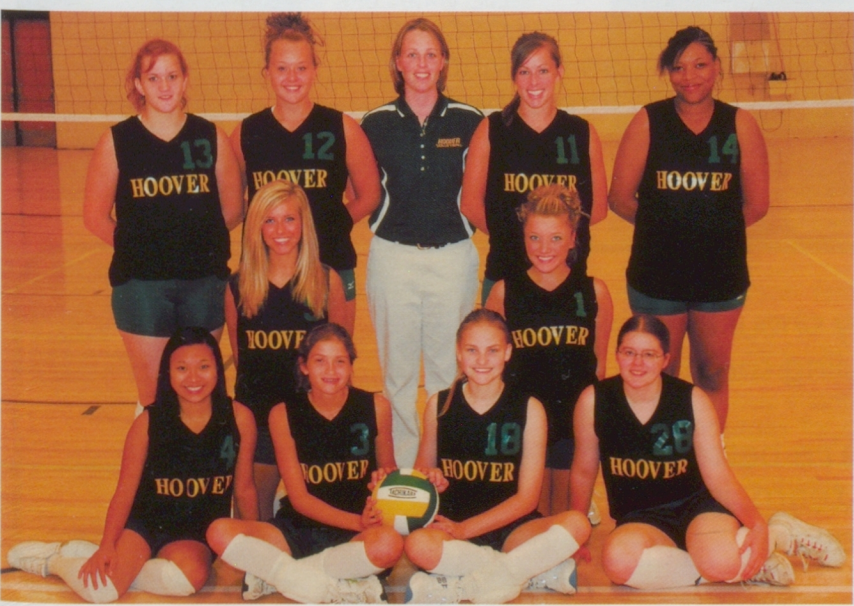
1 Jessica Rude serving the ball at the game against North High School.

2 Victoria Jones and Kri Dontje warming up before the game against North.

3 Nyahok Duop Spiking the ball at the game against Dowling High School.



Front: Amanda Hicks, Amina Mujic, Victoria Jones, Beca Sapruga, and Mai Penton.  
 Second: Chelsea Rail, Lauren Baeth, And Abby Van Der Beek  
 Last: Coach Jon Rubino, Anna Moody, Coach Smith, Nyahok Duop, and Coach Greenlee



Front: Mai Penton, Jessica Rude, Krista Nelson, Kristene Dontje.  
 Second: Beca Sapruga and Amina Mujic.  
 Last: Victoria Jones, Anna Moody, Coach Greenlee, Abby Van Der Beek, and Aimen Earnest.

What is the most important thing to remember while on the court?

## Question & Answer

“Stay low and watch the ball.”

● Lauren Baeth and Victoria Jones

“Always go for the ball.”

● Krista Nelson

“Where I’m supposed to be”

● Elizabeth Bourland

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# Re-setting the pins

## Starting over with a new coach

**Senior Sarah Howe swings her arm back and gets ready to let go of the ball.**



(Front Row) Stephanie Mulstay, Patty Lapole, Elizabeth McInroy, Charlee Banghart, Tiffany Burkmire, Sarah Howe, Christina Peiffer, Brittany Burkmire, Ashley Neal. (Middle Row) Randy Burkmire, Ledonte Bradley, Joe Keiter, Niki McClain Christopher Burkmire, Brian Drake, Casey Messerschmidt, Bill Burkmire. (Back Row) James Head, Charlie McInroy, Blair Taylor, Mitch Stites, Dustin Barnhill, Evan Wilson, Kaleb Kafer, Brandon Drake, Chad Nelson



### New coaches?

Coach Lundholm retired last year after a three win season. Lundholm was also one of the gym teachers.

Rumors started floating around this past summer of his retirement. When some of the players found out they started talking about a new coach. That's when junior Tiffany Burkmire asked her father to take over.

Burkmire's father Randy and uncle Bill have both bowled for many years. They decided to take over the coaching job sometime during the summer. "I've known Randy, Bill, and there kids for a long time now," Senior Brandon Drake said. Drake was the only person that went to state last year.

"Lundholm has been my coach here every year until now, but I'm not really worried about this year," Drake said. Randy and Bill know the owners of plaza lanes, there kids go here, and then they talked to McClannhann to make it official.

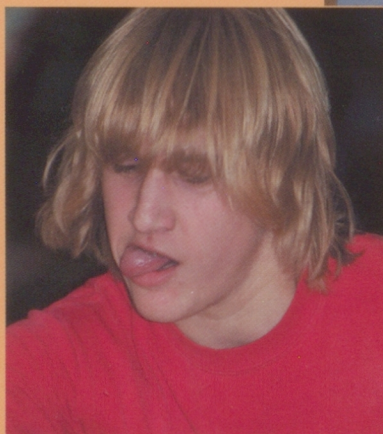
Senior Charlie Banghart has bowled for a long time. This is her third year on the high school bowling team.

"I had met Randy and Bill before during a league at Plaza Lanes," Banghart said. Lundholm was Bangharts first coach.

"I miss Lundholm, but I think the new coaches will be better because they're more strict and organized," Banghart said. Banghart didn't hear about the new coach until this year.

The bowling team won three meets last year, they're planning to win more this year.

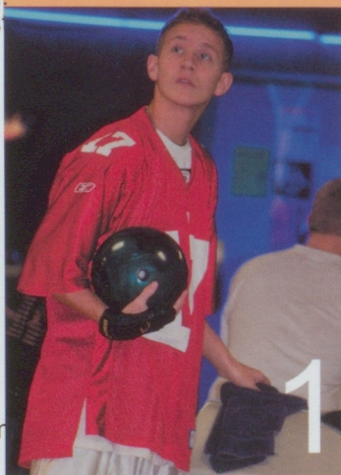
"I think we'll be alright this year," Drake said. "People should go to our meets to support our team and our school," Banghart said.



Charlie McInroy sticks his tongue out to help him concentrate better before he lets loose.

### Interesting Info

- Games and practices are held at Plaza Lanes.
- The bowling team has always practiced there.
- The new coaches are good friends with the owners of Plaza Lanes.



1. Mitch Stites looks at his score after wiping off his ball and prepares to get set to bowl.



2. He concentrates as he winds up to throw the ball.



Why should people go to the bowling meets?

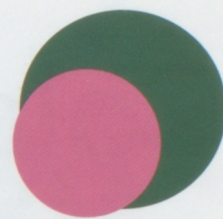
"We're better than the football team, look at the records." **Brandon Drake**





# A slice of the pie

## Odd clubs getting their fill



Odd clubs add diversity and flavor to the school. Clubs such as bible study, thespians, and reader's club meet at least once a month, if not almost every week. Odd clubs are any clubs that are fairly new and gaining popularity. They're also any club that has been around but has not been previously recognized.

### Small groups include:

- S.I.i.P.
- Philosophy club
- Knitting club
- Reader's club
- Ping Pong club
- Early Bird Choir
- Spanish club
- Bible study
- Environment club
- Thespians



Laurah Mwirichia (above) shows off her knitting skills as knitting club continues. They try to meet every Tuesday to discuss knitting techniques and to continue knitting. The club is led by Mrs. Pilcher and held in the library.



Environment club members Jessie Benson, Emily Tow, Hillary Butler and Jenny Stites (above) pose in front of a window display before taking it down. Environment club started this year and is led by Mrs. Newman. They planned projects and have even started a recycling program.

Sheila Olson (right) offers an idea during the Thespian meeting about their annual Valentine's dance while Jake Hestbech joked around and offered a quicker solution.



Hillary Pierson and Elyse Schooley (left) discuss plans for Spanish club's newest idea to help raise money to buy vitamins and care packages for children in Mexico and South America. Spanish club is led by Spanish teacher Mary Dycus.



### Why Bible Study?

It's a club that focuses but is not limited to Christian studies. The group is led by Lisa Fried and meets weekly whenever there is time. Students have general and in-depth conversations on numerous subjects dealing with their faith. They also talk about other faiths in the world.

#### Hear it from the source!

"I like it because we study the bible and talk about serious topics with friends."

- sophomore Ashley Machamer

"I like it because we can encourage other believers in their walk of faith as a high school teenager. Also to get to know other students better."

- senior Ashley McGregor



# Color me Involved



Senior Shelly Ward (above) laughs at how the cover on the front sign had been blown off while student council tried to switch the announcements. Changing the front sign announcements is one of the responsibilities that student council takes every other week.

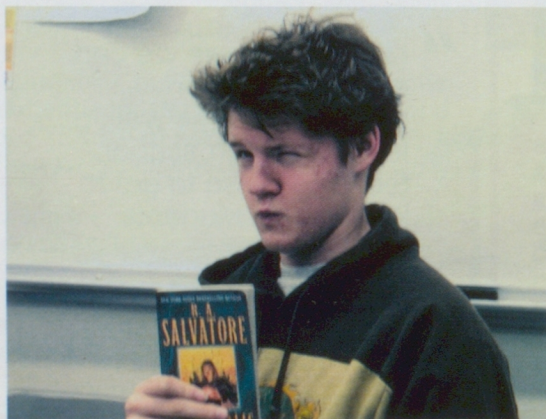
Junior Jessica Miller (right) poses for a funny picture as she reads in Readers club.



Senior Steven Vogel (above) sleeps during Readers Club in Mrs. Pille's room.



Sophomore Alexander Leroy (left) thinks hard about a book in readers club.



Junior Esther Chol (right) turns around and shows off her science bound shirt at a Science bound meeting.

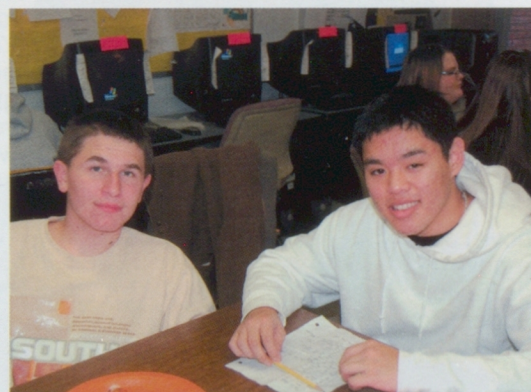
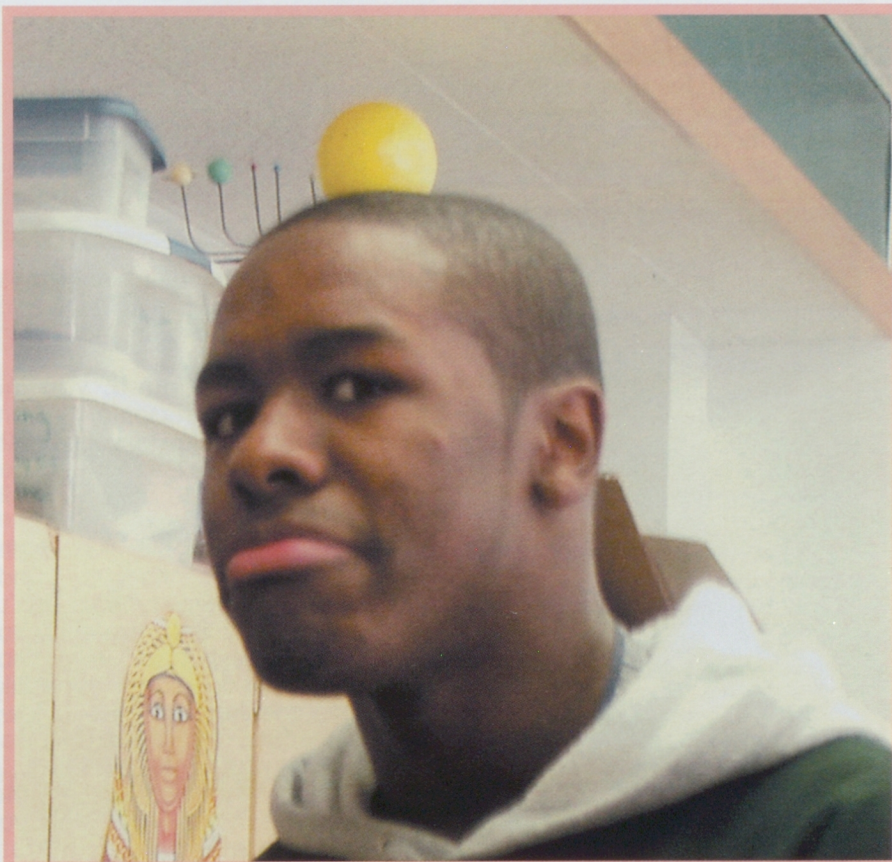




# Clubs

Junior Tahaun Fountain (right) makes a funny face in science bound as they go to play croquet.

Junior Emily Nation (below) poses for a funny picture in french club as she eats fondue.



Junior Madison Sconiers (left) poses for a funny picture in science bound as she gets ready to play croquet.

Junior Dennis Dzafic and sophomore Corey Soulinthavong (above) eat at the best buddies lunch.



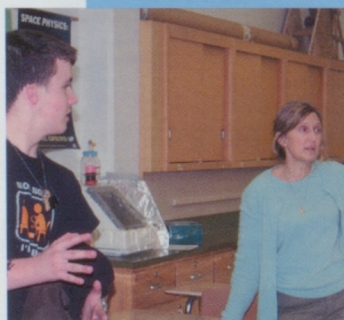


Scientists at the Des Moines University, show the students the human organs, and telling them the different parts.

**"The program is open for minority students and the scholarship is only available for individuals who have been involved since eighth grade.**



(above) Jaime Sandoval, ??, Blair Taylor-Wagner, Ben Allen, and Beth Zavala all participater in science club. The group goes on field trips and studies further into science then than every day students do in class.



(above) Ben Allen and Beth Zavala put in their thoughts about where the group should go. Zavala told the group her opinion on the list of movies that she thinks would be good to see.

# To new heights...

Most people could probably agree that science bound and science club, are for nerd who study, but there is much more to it.

Most probably didn't realize that only minorities can join science bound. It's like that so it gets more minorities involved in school.

For science bound, you must be selected to participate. "You have to be recommended by your eighth grade math or science teacher. After ninth grade its too late to get in, junior Blair Taylor-Wagner said.

Science bound allows students to do a lot of out of school work and go on field trips other students don't get to go on. "My favorite thing to do is dissect," freshman Ellie Johnson said. They have done other things like build roller coasters and travel to Iowa State University. "We do a lot of science type stuff and experiments," junior Tahaun Fountain said. Another plus about science bound is that you work toward getting a scholarship for college. "I joined science bound just for the scholarship," Johnson said.

You have to participate in science bound for five years, from eighth grade until your senior year to get your scholarship. It can be a lot of work and you have to be dedicated and participate.

Students in science bound and science club are in it for the same amount of time; some are in it for only a year and others are in it for longer. "I have been in science club for two years so far," sophomore Ben Allen said.

Science club involves studying and learning about science. The difference is that a recommendation is not required for entr e and students can be of any ethnicity.

Students can join science club anytime, if they have a thing for science you should definitely join. The sponsor, Beth Zavala makes science more fun and interesting by taking the students to a whole new level that one regular class period doesn't cover.

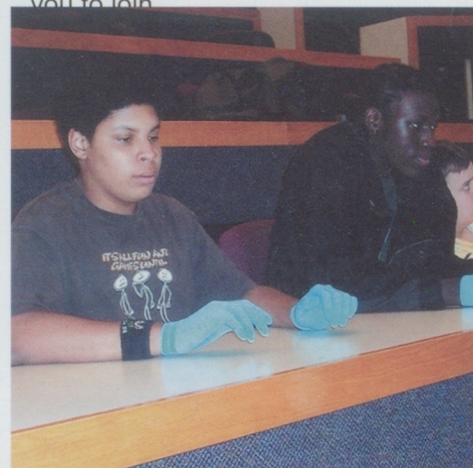
Students that take time after school to

learn about science, get to go on field trips to Minnesota and Chicago to go more in depth, do more experiments and learn so many new things.

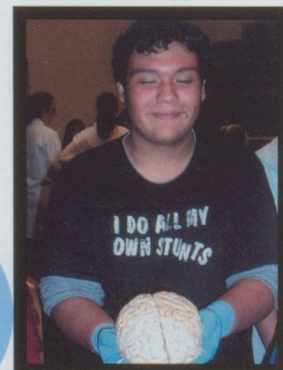
"Ms. Zavala tries to find exciting and fun things for us to do," sophomore Jaime Sandoval said.

"I would definitely recommend doing science club because it's a great experience," Allen said.

Whether you are a minority or not, and if you love science, there is a club for you to join.



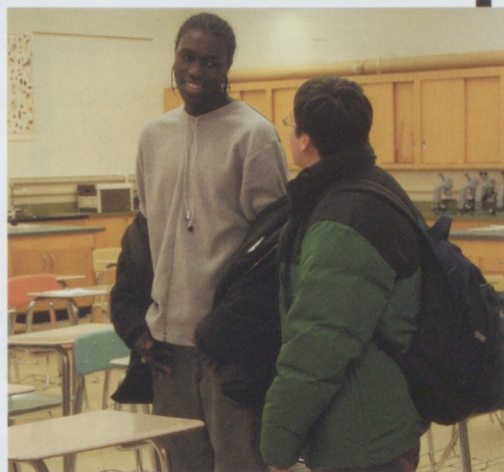
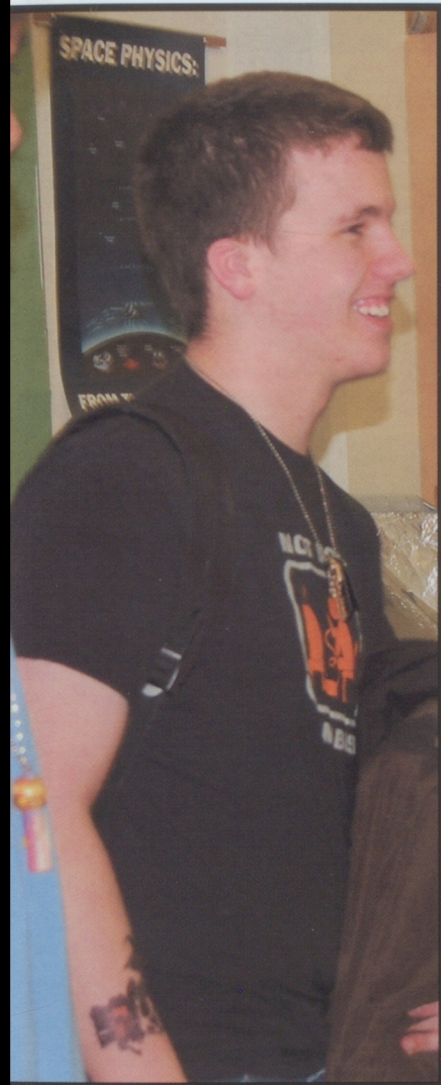
??and Blair Wagner listen to the scientists for directions on what to do.



Gavin Gallegos holds a whole human brain. When the students were able to look and feel all the human organs, each student got a chance to feel and touch the organs.



# Science is STEPping up



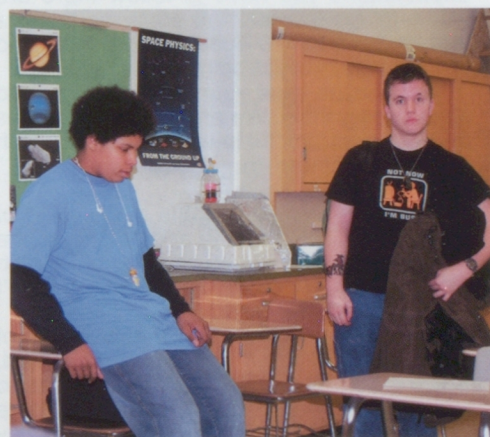
Blair Taylor-Wagner and Jaime Sandoval (above) joke around before the science club meeting. Once Ms. Zavala comes in they begin talking about the show they went to see.

Ben Allen (left) gives his opinion on what movie the club should go see. he has some good movie ideas.

Hoover Alumni Abreya Higgins and Joe Inman (right) stand and talk while the students listen to the scientists. They wait patiently to start doing the assignment.



Yvette Rodriguez and Ashley Neal (Above) listen as the scientists show them what to do. The girls look very interested in what the scientists have to say.



Zach Colbert and Ben Allen wait to decide on what movie the club will go see. They were thinking about going to see *Happy Feet*.

## Solid Science Facts...

- Science bound can get you a scholarship.
- Science club is the club to be in if you want to learn a little more about science.
- Science bound is only for minorities.
- Science club is open to anyone.



Jaime Sandoval sits and listens to what everyone has to say. He thinks about what he will do first with the organs.



# Lawyers in training

Many people do not know what mock trial consists of. It's knowledge mixed with acting.

"Our coach decides who gets to play which part and each person gets to play a part," senior Elyse Schooley said.

Each year mock trial gets one case and they range from murder, to theft, and fraud. The group has meetings every day after school for two to three months if possible.

People join the group for many reasons.

"I joined because my cousin made me and it helps with theater because you make a character and present it," Schooley said.

It's also more than just common knowledge and there's a step to step process each team member tries to use when studying their part.

"I read through a lot and pick out important topics for the part that I'm assigned," sophomore Jordan Taha said.

Even though there are extra rules and expectations you have to follow there are a few things that are the same as being a real lawyer such as questioning people and using law to prove a point.

"If you win the case your team gets to go to state or regionals. We are scored by judges and lawyers from the Iowa Association which is good because they have experience," Taha said.

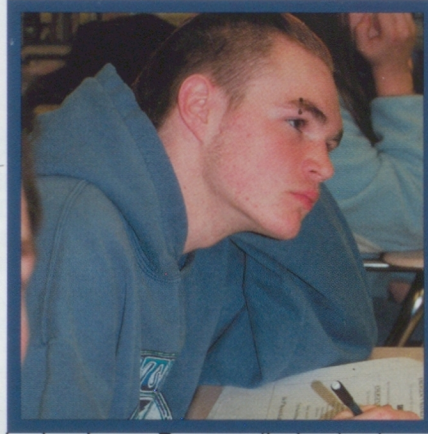
Mock trial is also like debate in the ways of pleading a case, arguing and getting all the facts. The team goes against are other high school teams but the people defended aren't always in high school.

"When I win a case I get the satisfaction of knowing I won," senior Austin Lovelace said. In the group there are rules the team has to follow such as being you're not aloud to date anyone in mock trial which helps keep away conflicts in the group.

"Everyone should think about joining so we have more people and teams. We all get along pretty well," Schooley said.

Mock trial isn't just common knowledge

Junior Grant Harvey concentrates and takes notes during a meeting.



Junior Jesse Benson (below) raises her hand for help.



Huskie Mock Trial Is...

Fun for everyone!



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A Great Learning Experience!



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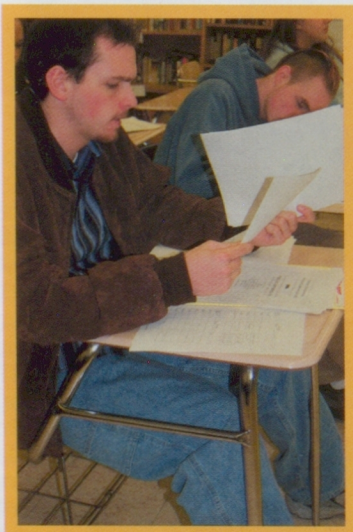
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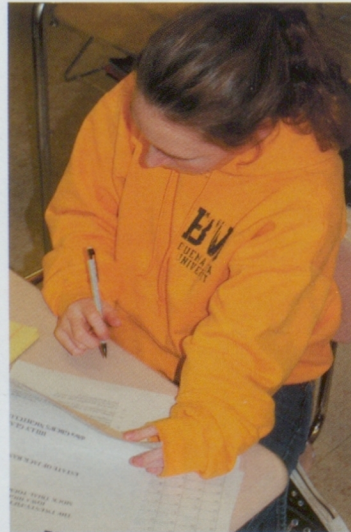


YES

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Senior Austin Lovelace takes time to study his case.



Sophomore Jordan Taha carefully takes notes while studying her case.



Is there a step to step process to prepare for a case?

Senior Elyse Schooley

"Get the case, go through and get facts, learn extra laws, and how you want to present your character."

Sophomore Jordan Taha

"Read through the case a lot, pick important topics, make your set of questions."



# Competing for China

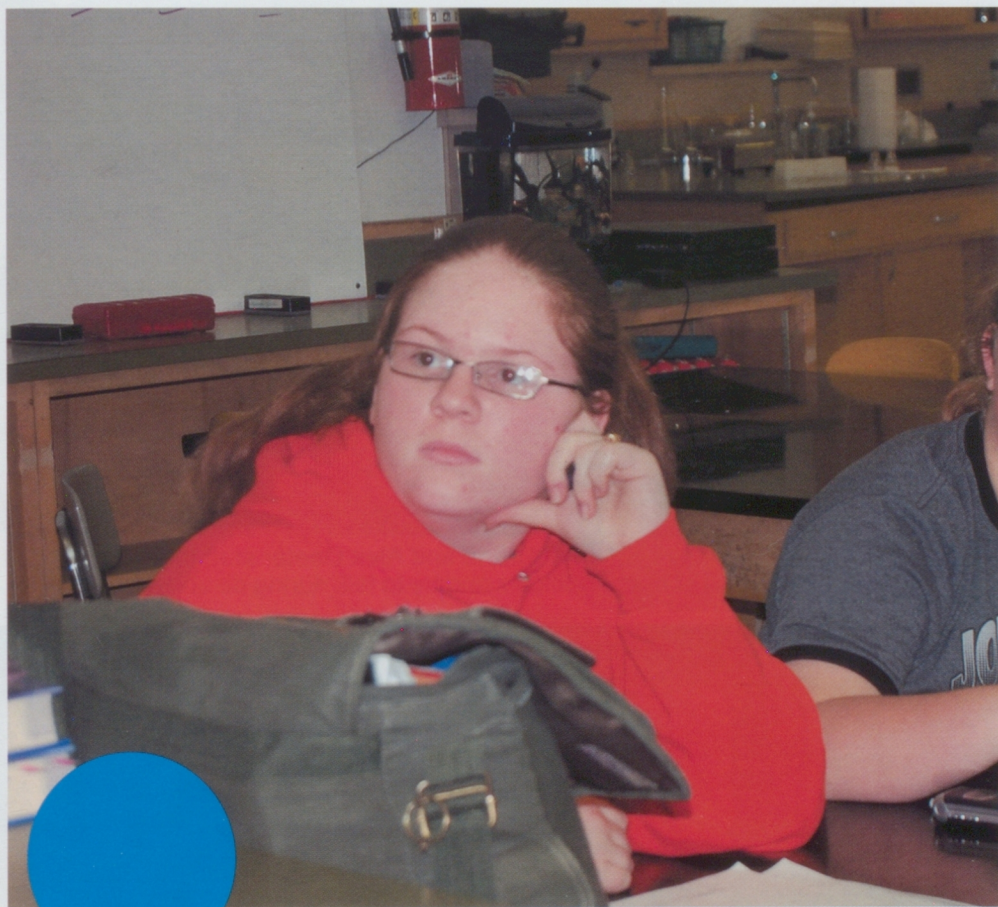
## Academic Decathlon focuses on Chinese studies

Most people don't know about Academic Decathlon. There aren't very many members, we need more people. You don't have to be smart, you just have to enjoy learning," Freshman Brenna Carlson said.

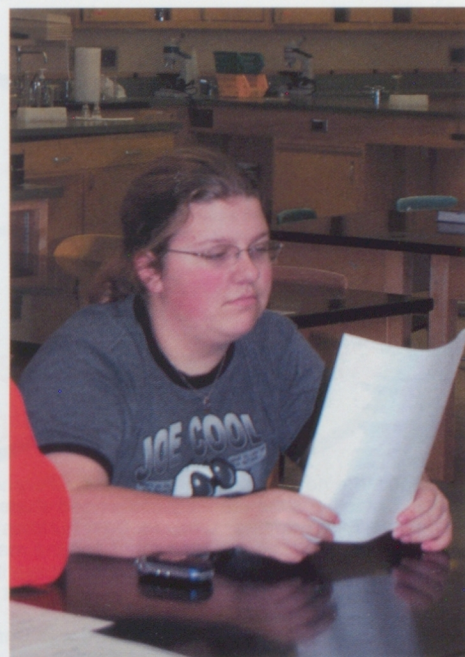
There isn't a set G.P.A that you have to have in order to be in Academic Decathlon. "It's just another fan club that you can join and meet new people," Sophomore Patty LaPole said.

The competitions are in the ICN room and sometimes Mr. Halls room where you compete with other schools on the screen. This year all the competitions are on China. The members are given information over China and are responsible for knowing the information for the competition.

Being in a club where you can meet new people, learn new things, and be yourself is a club that you should join.

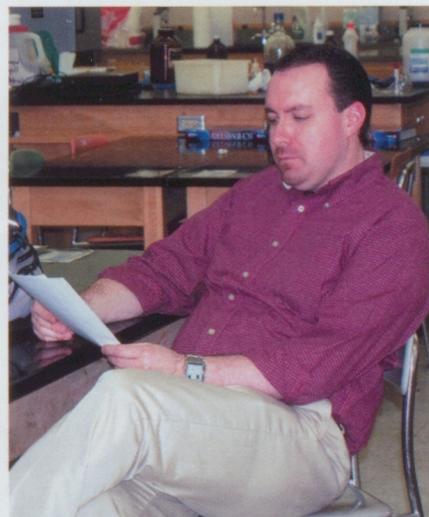


Freshman Alyssa Gourd (above) sits and listens to debate teacher John Rubino talk about how to prepare a good speech.



Freshman Brenna Carlson (above) looks at her paper and listens to John Rubino talk about how she prepared a good speech.

Science teacher Eric Hall (below) looks over information. He is the director of Academic Decathlon.



Before the competition, Academic Decathlon takes time out of their studying to take a picture.

Back: Susan Pillie, Eric Hall, Anders Nelson  
Alyssa Gourd, Robert O, Missy Shaw,  
Drew Thelen  
Front: Maja Seskis, Brenna Carlson, and  
Christa Nelson





# Changing lives

Students work together to make a difference in peoples' lives.

Schools are not faced with just cultural differences. There are mental ones as well. Sometimes the mentally challenged students tend to be overlooked. That is where Best Buddies comes in. Best Buddies is a program aimed at making friendships between regular people and the mentally challenged.

"I have seen some friendships develop where it has initiated changes in them that are permanent," advisor Cindy Grandquist said. "Best Buddies opens up hearts."

Junior Emily Nation has been involved with Best Buddies for two years. She is the peer buddy of junior Jaymes Lageson.

Nation and Lageson do all kinds of activities such as going to lunch together, going to school activities and to movies.

"I'm not as close to Jaymes as I could be, but it's only the beginning of the year," Nation said.

Best Buddies does all kinds of fun activities ranging anywhere from throwing parties with other schools to baking dog and cat treats for the Animal Rescue League. Lageson's favorite parts about being in Best Buddies are the parties and the pepperoni pizza.

"Emily and Jaymes see each other every day in P.E.O.P.L.E P.E.," Grandquist said. "Emily knows Jaymes's mom pretty well and she has been trained on all of his health issues."

Best Buddies hosts a family fun night where the parents have a chance to meet their child's buddy and other buddy pairs. Best Buddies does an activity at least once a month and new activities are always coming up.

"Best Buddies is a really good program. People should join only if they want to make a difference and a friend," Nation said.

So many people wanted to join Best Buddies but unfortunately not everyone was accepted because of the small number of buddies. There are about 16 buddy pairs and 20 associate buddies involved.

"Best Buddies has not only changed individuals, but it has changed Hoover High School," Grandquist said. "It has made diversity relevant not only to racial and ethnic differences, but it included other groups that were overlooked."



Best Buddies decorated pumpkins during the Octoberfest.



Juniors Stephen Crane and Alex Deeter stuff their mouths full of marshmallows and try to talk during disability training.



The Buddy pairs and parents all go out to eat at Mama Lacona's to get to know one another.



Juniors Eden Stokka and Hillary Pierson practice pushing each other in a wheelchair.





Junior Nikki Kemp attempts tying her shoes with gloves on during the Best Buddies Disability Training.



Junior Stephen Crane tries walking without being able to see during disability training.

● ***“Best Buddies is a really good program. People should join, only if you want to make a difference and a friend.”***  
**Junior Emily Nation**

Last: Corey Soulinthavong, Josh O'Connor, Stephen Crane, Jaymes Lageson, Jacob Cook, Dennis Dzafic, Alex Deeter.

Second: Calandra Hare, Tarah Daughenbaugh, Jessica Cam, Jake Powley, Larissa Welch, Stephanie Mulstay, Melissa Rote.

Front: Emily Nation, Drew Foster, Josipa “Beca” Sipraga, Nikki Krugler, Ellie Riordan, Justina Kruse, Allison Kirschbaum, Bridgette Andrews.



## What is a Peer Buddy and an Associate Buddy?

*A peer buddy is a person who has a specific buddy that they hang out with often and get to know.*

*An associate buddy is a person who does not have a specific buddy. They can hang out with any of the buddies, and they help set up parties and events.*



Juniors Berina Smajlovic and Ashtey Inman show off their homemade dog treats before taking them to the Animal Rescue League.



# N.C.Y.L.

## more than it seems

Ever seen those pictures of students in the mall?

Those pictures are of seniors who were selected to be a part of NCYL.

Senior Yvette Rodriguez said that having her picture up at the mall was kind of cool.

Senior Mark Solinger said that he didn't think it was that big a deal.

NCYL stands for National Council on Youth Leadership.

In order to be accepted into NCYL you must have at least a 3.5 GPA. They also had to get two recommendations.

"You apply and you have to write a paper about why you're a good leader, get two recommendations, an interview over the summer and then an NCYL conference at Drake University," Solinger said.

Solinger believes he was accepted because he's generally involved in a lot of things, and he picked people who knew him to write his recommendations instead of just anyone.

Rodriguez believes she was accepted because she has the required GPA, she's involved in stuff.

"Whatever I do I do well, I go all out not just doing a half-ass job," Rodriguez said.

Senior Jocelyn McGregor was not selected into NCYL.

"I have no idea why I wasn't chosen. I helped others with their resumes," McGregor said.

There are many different elements of leadership.

"A leader should be open, getting along with people, able to stand up for what you believe in, and relating with people," McGregor said.

Following the 6 pillars of character is a good thing for leaders to do.

"I try to be a good person," Rodriguez said, "no one (pillar) is more important than the others. You have to have a blend of all of them."

Leaders have both strong and weak points.

"I do what I think is right... I have no self-esteem," Rodriguez said.

"I try to take into consideration what other people think. Sometimes I get too gung-ho on what I think and act too fast without considering things," Solinger said.

"It's a positive group to be in. You get recognized for the good things you do instead of the negative," Rodriguez said.

Back: Mark Solinger, Matt Henry

Second Row: Stephanie Leinan, Yvette Rodriguez, Alma Cocic, Kelsey Keiran

Front: Allison Kirschbaum, Danielle Fried

Not Pictured: Jacob Hestbeck, Kendra Harding, Carter Augustine, Sasha Francic, Chad Boston, Kelsey Manning



### CHECKLIST

*Being a part of NCYL means...*



Showing leadership qualities in your everyday life



Having at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA



Volunteering outside of school



sending in an essay and getting at least two letters of recommendation



Back: Darryl Brooks, Evan Eastman, Chase Anderson, Dan Oswald, Hannah Allen, Kylie Burr, Chris Smith  
 Fourth Row: Liem Tran, Katie Taylor, Stephen Sengbusch, Greg Issacson, Katie Lovan, Hillary Pierson, Jolie Monroe, Leslie Millard, Grant Harvey, Ashlee Norris, Alyssa Mcneeley, Elizabeth Hewitt



Third Row: Carlinda Hendrick, Liz

Pecora, Jenny Nguyen, Amina Kader, Laurah Mwirichia  
 Second Row: Yvette Rodriguez, Emily Light, Elyse Sinklier, Kendra Harding, Liz Howett, Lindsey Batz, Alma Cocic, Chad Boston, Kelsie Kieran, Jake Hestbeck, Grey Lovelace, Allison Kirschbaum, Kri Dontje, Julia Rude  
 Front: Van Giang, Shawn Gude, Natasha Oakley, Danielle Fried, Ursula Brandt, Missy Shaw, Drew Davis, Alison Brown, Krista Kent, Kelsey Manning, Sam Thorsen, Anders Nelson

# NHS

## Doesn't just stand for North High School

Service projects, group projects, and a required 3.5 GPA. These are all traits of NHS, also called National Honor Society.

NHS meets one morning a month in order to discuss what's going on in the organization.

In order to be in NHS you have to be a junior or senior with at least a 3.5 GPA. You also have to go to all of the meetings and complete at least one service project and the group project each semester.

For some keeping the required GPA is easier than it is for others.

"The GPA is easy, it has always been that high," junior Kri Dontje said.

"Right now, yes it is hard, but if you do your homework it shouldn't be," junior Alyssa McNeeley said.

Earlier in the year the group decided to have their group project be Reggie's Sleep Out. The participants spent a night in cardboard boxes at the Drake stadium to raise money to support Reggie's Place.

Principal Connie Cook canceled it to the extent of it being a school organized function on the day of the event though. Weather conditions arised from the first snow storm of the season and Cook didn't want the school to be held responsible for possible sickness.

Some students still went.

"I still went because I wanted to go because I wanted to prove to myself that I could do it, and I already have been in the conditions so I knew how to dress, so I was like, why not? It was kind of cold but it was still fun," junior Chris Smith said.

Students had varying opinions on its being canceled.

"I was totally ready for it, I had the best box ever," senior Sheila Olson said.

"I wasn't going to go anyways because I had a basketball game," McNeeley said.

Because of the group project being canceled, each member had to do more singular service projects.

"I've raised money for Reggie's sleep out, volunteered at a library, and did holiday hugs," Dontje said. Olson volunteered at a church and a retirement home as well as doing holiday hugs.

You get to see different situations that you don't normally see.

"Sometimes you get a look at how much stuff there is out there," Olson said.



NHS students juniors Jolie Monroe, Leslie Millard, and Katie Lovan make dog treats to bring to the Animal Rescue League.



Senior Jonathan Ingram poses as Santa Clause and lets children sit on his lap as NHS delivers presents through the Holiday Hugs program..



# Proud to be, me



Senior Kellen Sanders, sophomore Stephanie Mondon, freshmen Kat LeRoy, Cory Wenger, and Meredith Phipps (left) make a toast at a GSA conference at Drake. The students went there for workshops on February 22nd.

## Students try to get the word out about GSA

By Eylse Wilson

Gay Straight Alliance is one of the group activities that is held at Hoover High. People are not restricted from being in GSA.

"Just have an open mind about everything," senior Kellen Sanders said.

During the meeting members like to plan different activities to do through out the year. They have speakers that come in during some of there meetings to discuss things that not everyone likes to discuss. They all sit in a big group and talk about the problems that they are having that week, or just to see how everyone is doing. GSA does service projects for our community as well. Right now they are trying to organize a group of people to help a furniture warehouse company donate furniture to people who can't afford a lot during the winter.

Penny Weishaar is one of the leaders in the group.

"I strongly feel that students should feel safe in school, have a safe zone to turn to," Weishaar said.

Kids at school get made fun of everyday for all kinds of different things, and need a place to go to help them get over these mean and cruel things said to them. GSA is one of those safe places for some of our kids here.

Students can be gay, straight, black, white, orange, anything to be in the group. Just come as you. All are welcome.

All are strongly encouraged to join one of their next meetings.



Back row: Meredith Phipps, Kat LeRoy, Tom Foster  
Middle row: Kira Herron, Steven Boatwright, Stephanie Mondon, Charlee Banghart, Kellen Sanders  
Front row: Ari Mendoza, Ellie Johnson, Emily Kemple

## TOP

### REASONS TO BE IN GSA

1

To be yourself.

2

Its Fun.

3

To promote equal rights for everybody.

4

To find a place where your accepted.

5

Meet new people.

Advisor Miriam Heuermann, freshmen Meredith Phipps, Cory Wenger, Kat LeRoy and students from other schools hang out during the Drake GSA conference. They are doing the triangle symbolizing GSA.







Seniors Mirela Tursunovic and Inez Zimic are listening to Mrs. Cook introduce the guest speaker.

Junior Tiara Ziegler is working on her issue for S.P.I.R.I.T.



# Do you have S.P.I.R.I.T?

Student Problem Identification Resolving Issues Together (S.P.I.R.I.T) is a group of selected students who discuss problems at the school, try to solve them and make them better. Sponsors are principal Connie Cook and Vice principal Doug Wheeler. S.P.I.R.I.T consists of a variety of different people from diverse cultures. They discuss many different issues including fighting in school, respect for teachers, violence, cultural issues, and issues that affect our school. S.P.I.R.I.T meets about two times a month. Many students that are in S.P.I.R.I.T are also involved in other school activities. Junior Darryl Brooks is in (YCCP), track, Minority Achievement Program (M.A.P.), and National Honor Society (NHS) as well as the leader of S.P.I.R.I.T. "I wanted to be a leader because I know a lot of issues, and I can help get them solved. I am in S.P.I.R.I.T so I can be heard, and I have many ideas to help make the school better." Brooks said. "I was chosen by Mrs. Miller to be in S.P.I.R.I.T." said freshmen David Lemons. Junior Tiara Ziegler plays softball. "I would like to improve how students are chosen and have more representatives." said Junior

Tiara Ziegler.

"I think S.P.I.R.I.T should have more meetings so that we can actually try to put things into action." Brooks said. "S.P.I.R.I.T affects me at school because what we discuss can be put into action and it can really make a difference." Ziegler said. In Lemon's free time he said that he likes to hangout with his friends. "In my free time I like to hangout with my friends and family also and join in on school activities." Brooks said. "In my free time I like to eating, hanging out with friends, and I am a basketball manager."

(Front) Anthony Hoyt, Aida Hadzic, Al-Hasson Darboh, Mai Penton, Kendra Harding, Loan Dinh, Barbara Baccam, Kenyon Murphy (Second) Arnela Dizdarevic, Corey Soulinthavong, Hata Tursunovic, Amanda Zylstra, Inez Zimic, Nyahok Duop, Abu Darboh, Jordan Taha, Josh O'Connor, Alyssa Gour, Esther Chol. Back Row: Mujo Becilovic, Samir Eminic, Drew Thelen, Luis Castillo, Stephanie Mondon, NoelAnthony.



"S.P.I.R.I.T is good because it solves problems at our school and brings diversity together."

Jordan Taha

"S.P.I.R.I.T is time consuming but still freakin awesome! Its great to be able to improve the school."

Loan Dinh

"S.P.I.R.I.T is awesome because it is my way of making a change in the world."

Barbara Baccam

"S.P.I.R.I.T is fun and good for the school."

Nhu Le



# Stevens new to STUCO

## Students have to adapt to change



Kirk Stevens takes the position of Doug Wheeler. Stevens is the new leader of Student Council along with the new Psychology teacher. Doug Wheeler passed the position on to Stevens and accepted a job offered to him in the administration as Vice Principal.

Wheeler knew Stevens through the Iowa Teachers of Psychology and asked Stevens if he would be interested in taking over the position. "It's a challenging position to fill, I didn't realize how much I did as a teacher," Wheeler said.

This is now Stevens' fifth year teaching. Before he came to Hoover he taught in Muscatine and Burlington.

Stevens was faced with a large change in diversity, "with diversity comes challenges and benefits, the challenge is to adapt to what works best," Stevens said.

Stevens has never worked with Student Council students before this year. "Working with Student Council and having sixteen different strong personalities is a unique challenge," Stevens said. "He's doing the best he knows how. I'm happy," Wheeler said.

"Stevens has good intentions but it's hard for him because he's new," Sophomore Class Vice President Abby Van Der Beek said. Senior Mirela Tursunovic sees Stevens bring positive results to Student Council once he gets used to everything. "It's difficult for him to know what to do," Tursunovic said. Van Der Beek doesn't think he is very respected by the students. "Students know more than he does," Van Der Beek said. "The students know more than I do, it's good sometimes but other times it makes it hard to enforce rules," Stevens said.

"The leadership class doesn't work as a team like they used to. There are times in class when people just screw around," Tursunovic said. The students have to learn how to get along with a brand new leader with different views and ideas. "We get along alright but are still getting to know each other," Stevens said.

Stevens hopes that he can make it look as if Student Council had never changed leaders. "I'm not doing everything as well as I could," Stevens said. "Anyone would be overwhelmed with a new job," Wheeler said.

"He's trying to keep his head above water," Wheeler said, "it's a hard job to take on." After winter break the stress will decrease and there will be less to do. The three most important projects of Student Council are Homecoming, Entertainment Tonight, and Winer Formal. "It gets easier as it goes," Stevens said.

"This is an extremely good group to work with and a lot of the things I have been able to do has been because of them," Stevens said.

(Front)Natasha Oakley, Akilah Jackson Rushing, Stephanie Mulstay, Nhu Le (second row) Abby Van Der Beek, Liz Howett, Alma Cocic, Shelly Ward, Sami Ricke, Madison Sconiers (last row) Shazif Bachelani, Jocelyn McGregor, Chad Boston, Sasha Francic, Carter Augustine, Mirela Tursunovic, and Michael Kuhlenbeck.



Seniors Liz Howett, Shelly Ward and Carter Augustine (above) laugh as they attempt to keep the marquee cover from falling. The wind blew it over as they were changing the letters and broke one of the hinges.



**"It's a challenging position to fill. I didn't realize how much I did as a teacher."**

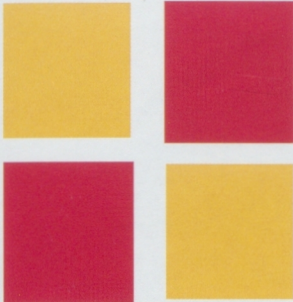
**- Doug Wheeler**

Kirk Stevens talks with his Student Council class. This is his first year working at Hoover and his first year ever to work with STUCO.



# All on board, senior board!

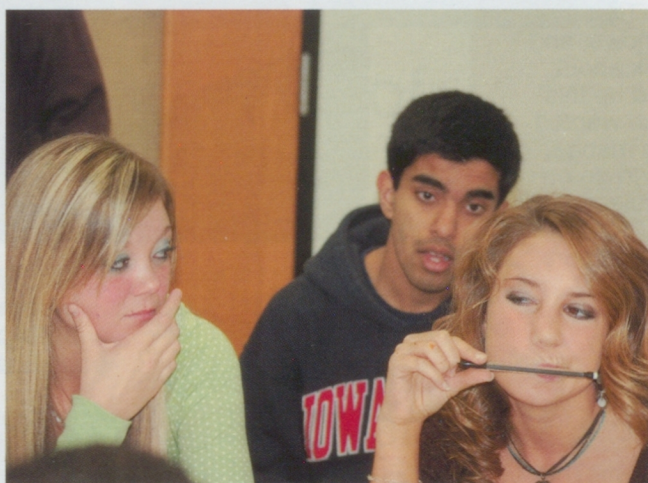
(Last row) Jessica Perry, Danielle Gibbons, Shazif Bachelani, Christa Smith, Natasha Oakley  
(Front row) Missy Shaw, Allison Kirschbaum, Alma Cocic, Mark Solinger, Akilah Jackson-Rushing, Kendra Harding



Senior Jocelyn McGregor says her opinion at a morning senior board meeting.



Seniors Jessica Perry, Shazif Bachelani and Kendra Harding think of ideas for different issues that senior board deal with.



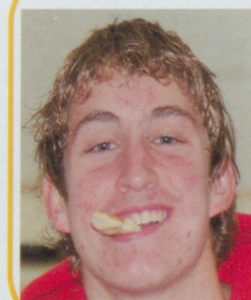
*I think Mr. Green is great. We all love him."*

*-Alma Cocic*



*"I think he does a great job, but sometimes i think he forgets what we tell him to do but that's okay."*

*-senior board president  
Danielle Gibbons*



*"He's a nice guy. He makes it really good and he helps with many things that we ask him to do."*

*-Mark Solinger*

Seniors go through so much during senior year, but a specific few are selected to make decisions that affect all seniors such as prom and graduation. Those are the senior board members.

Not all their peers may like the decisions they make and they have to go through hearing them being mad and blaming things on them.

Seniors are voted on board by the class. They know that they will have to live with the things that the senior board decide on.

These things consist of where commencement ceremony is held, class color, flower and the motto. They do other things also such as community service and fundraisers.

"It's fun helping the community. We have done many things. We have helped the courthouse on National Adoption Day, delivered gifts for holiday hugs and doing a bake sale for the community," senior board president Danielle Gibbons said.

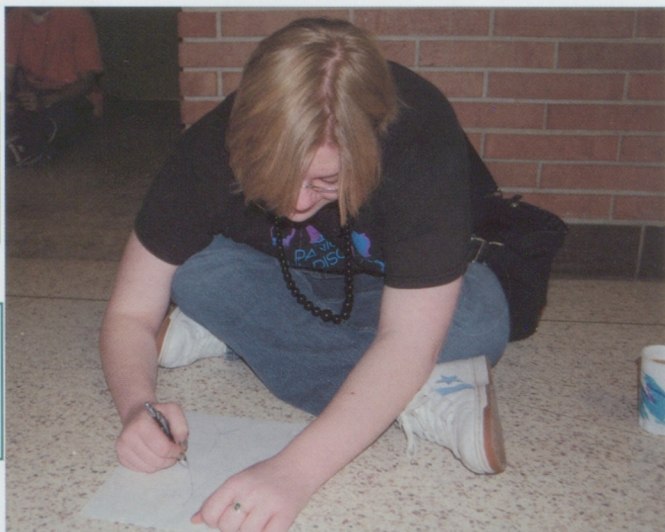
"This year with senior board, it's not just about the big events of the year it's also about giving back to the community," Gibbons said.

One big change is that they have a new person in charge, Vice Principal Mel Green. "I like him, he does a good job and really tries to make things work for us," senior Mark Solinger said. Senior board is all about selected seniors in the senior class making the decisions. "I enjoy planning events that us as a class will remember for the rest of our lives," Gibbons said.



Freshman Meredith Phipps (right) randomly decides to draw during lunch.

Senior Kenneth Overton (far right) is enjoying a book while eating his lunch.



# Anime, it's for everybody!

## New anime club, new people.

Naruto, Inuyasha, and Full Metal Alchemist. These are the main animes, Japanese animated shows, and mangas, Japanese comics, that students talk about. Anime club president, Senior Jil Dietz started up this year's anime club with a few differences. She wanted to have discussions about other, less known manga, watch movies, and eat food. She also plans to go on some trips to bookstores that have a good selection of manga.

"It's way different this year, way better, less members," anime club vice president, senior Stephan Sinclair said.

"It's way different," Dietz said, "quieter, more enjoyable, smaller, and just generally more fun."

Sinclair and anime club first timer, sophomore Stephanie Mondon both said the club was fun but for different reasons.

"You get to spend time with people you don't see that often," Mondon said.

"Anime is fun," Sinclair said.

Dietz' comment about the club was that it was "dinky."

"Because there's nobody there," Dietz said.

Three members agreed that the member's of the club treat each other well.

"I get treated with the respect I deserve," Sinclair said.

"They give me scared looks when I yell, but I don't yell that often," Dietz said, "they all treat each other pretty well."

"The best part about the club is when we have a good discussion going," Dietz said, "people start getting excited about stuff and I get input from everybody."

The three members also agreed that the club has no effect on their schoolwork.

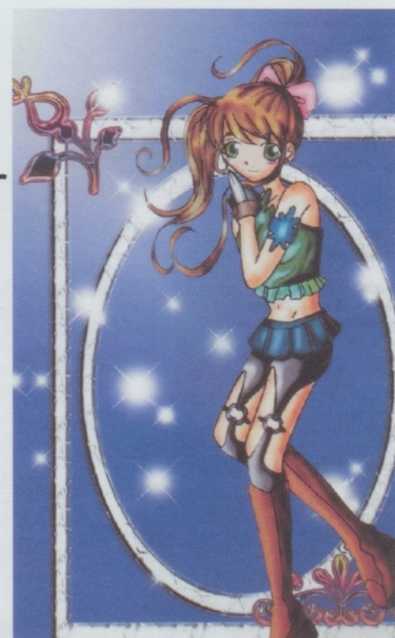
"Well my school work has gotten better, but not because of the club," Dietz said.

"There are a lot of people interested in this stuff and (other schools) should have an opportunity to get together and talk about it," Mondon said.

“They give me scared looks when I yell, but I don't yell that often. They all treat each other pretty well.”

President Jil Dietz

Senior Jil Dietz takes some time during her art class in order to perfect her art.



"Sparkle Falcon" drawn by Senior Jil Dietz





Last: Beth Eillers, Emily Light, Allison Kirshbaum, Laurah Mwirichia, Amina Kader, Esther Chol, Berina Smajlovic, Emily Nation, Jenny Nguyen, Dianna Green  
Second: Katie King, Alex Kilgore, Abby Troyer, Ursula Brandt, Lindsey Batz, Elizabeth Hewitt, Katie Hawks, Krista Nelson  
Front: Tom Foster, Loan Dinh, Bridgette Andrews

## SHE SAID

"I like what we do, and going on field trips. I like Mardi Gras and giving out beads. I like learning French stuff. It's great!"



Freshman  
Krista Nelson

## SHE SAID

"I think it's fun because we get to learn about French culture. We get to eat a lot of food. I think French club is awesome."



Junior Amina Kader

# Food, culture, and language

## All three are part of French Club

This year's club is different from previous years. One difference from last year is that they have now appointed a president and vice president.

The club president was senior Ursula Brandt. Brandt was voted as president during one of the first French club meetings.

Reasons for joining the club differ. "I like Mrs. Eilers and French," Brandt said.

"I love French and I wanted to learn more about the French culture,"

French club first year, junior Esther Chol said, "I've wanted to join since freshman year."

"We like to study about the culture," Junior Andie Schooley said, "I want to learn a lot about France, before I go there, and just have fun."

The club went to Belwood Café in Valley West Mall on Friday, October 20. They also had other trips planned for second semester.

"We get to experience Americanized French culture," Chol said.

The normal French club meeting consists of food, socialization, and discussions.

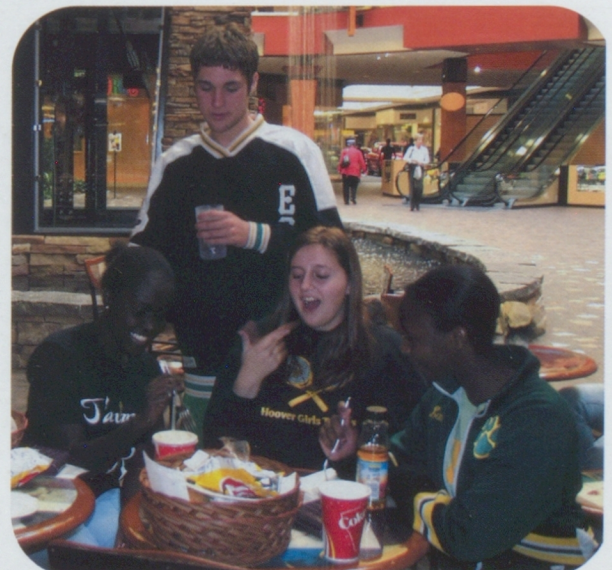
"We learn more about the culture," Chol said, "we get to eat food and taste mineral water."

"We learn about French stuff and we eat French food," Brandt said.

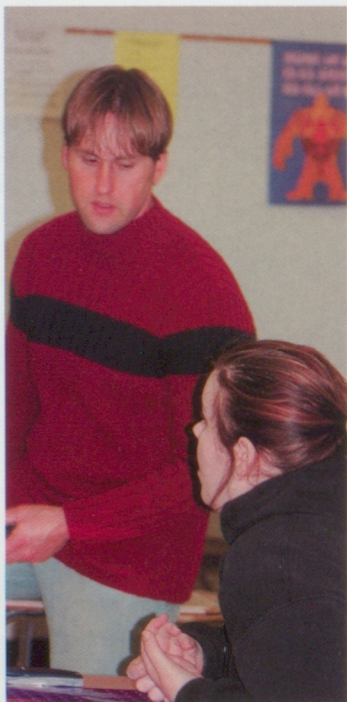
"Sometimes we just talk about France, what's new and what's going on, and sometimes we eat," Schooley said, "we get to eat a lot, like bread and cheese, sometimes fondue."

"It helps me appreciate how much work I put into it," Brandt said about how it helps her get through the day.

French Club Students Gabe Long, Berina Smajlovic, Esther Chol, and Laurah Mwirichia enjoy eating lunch together and laughing, at Valley West Mall, on a field trip.

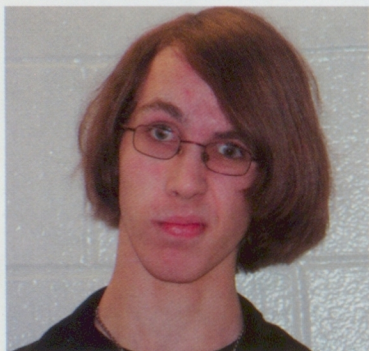






**Mr. Rubino talks to Natalie Schooley (above) during a debate meeting**

**Michael Kuhlenbeck (below) is deeply involved in S.I.i.P.**



## // IMPORTANT QUOTES!

**"Students need to know about what's going on in the world, because they're part of it!"**

**Kelli Shaffner**

**"If you want to be a responsible citizen, join groups like these ones and keep up on current events."**

**Mike Kuhlenbeck**

# Students speak out

## What students think about our world today

Why should students care about politics? SliP and debate are two groups that speak out about what's going on in our world. SliP is a new group that started at the end of last year. SliP mostly talks about current events and politics. Debate discusses many different subjects. Kelli Shaffner and Christa Smith thought of the idea while in Homeroom.

"We would always discuss stuff like that in SSR," says Shaffner. Smith and Shaffner had Homeroom in Mrs. Grants room. After they decided on starting the group they went to every homeroom and asked people to join. They also innocently added in that they would have juice and cookies at the first meeting! The meetings are held Wednesdays after school in Mr. Ellers room. On a good day about 15 people show up, on a slow day about 3-5 people. "Mr. Eller sometimes gives us information, but never interferes with the debates," says John Stoltze. Stoltze is involved in debated and SiiP. He was in Mock Trial all through middle school, he joined debate in high school, and he joined SliP last year.

At the SliP meetings they exchange different ideas and perspectives on different things.

"A lot of students just don't care about politics," says Mike Kuhlenbeck. Kuhlenbeck has been involved in SliP since it started. "SliP helps you exchange different ideas with different students to get different perspectives."

Debate usually has practices one time during the week and then debates every other week. Debates are usually 2 days

long. "It's not that popular, at

a good debate we have about nine to ten people,"

says Stoltze. Debate doesn't have a lot of wins.

Stoltze thinks is mostly due to a very small team and a lack of funds.

So why should more people join these groups?

"Students need to know about what's going on in

the world, because they're part of it!," says Shaffner. "If

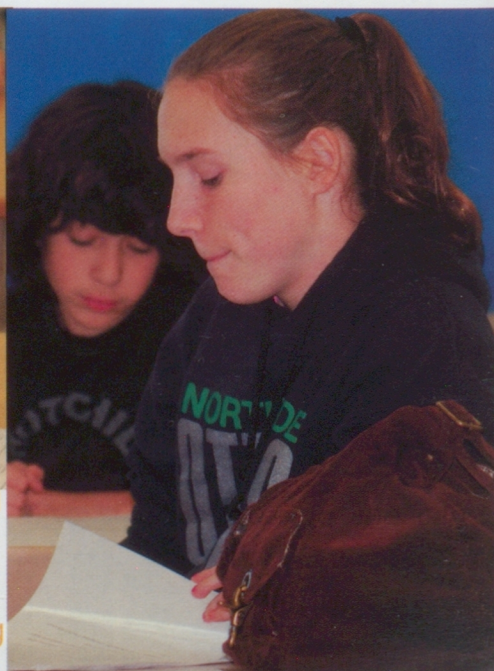
you want to be a responsible citizen,

join groups like these ones, and keep up on current events," says Kuhlenbeck.



**John Stoltze (above) takes a test in English. His mind isn't on the upcoming debate.**

**Jordan Iaha and Jason Reichenbacher (right) look over the docket during a debate meeting.**





## Meetings, practices, and debates

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**WHO?** ANYONE!  
**WHEN?**

Wednesdays after school ...

**WHERE?** John Eller's room.

**WHY?** Learn about your world.

**WHO?** ANYONE!

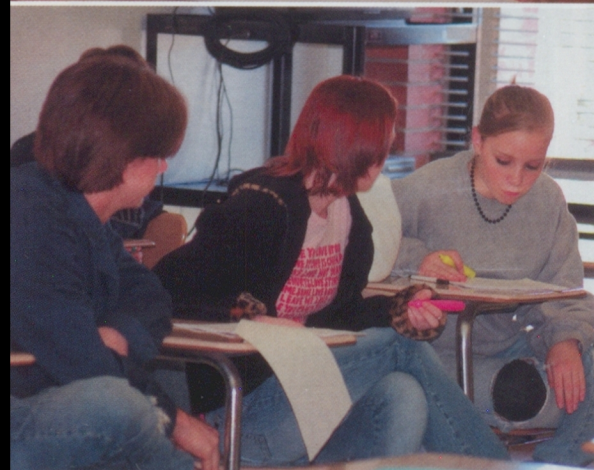
**WHEN?** Meetings are Tuesdays after school, debates are every two weeks

**WHERE?** Jon Rubino's room

**WHY?** learn different peoples perspectives



Maiga Seskis (above) concentrates as she looks over the bills from other schools at a debate meeting.



Christa Smith and Maiga Seskis (left) discuss the bills.



...  
Grant Harvey  
Took first place in Lincoln-Douglas at East High school and at Okoboji.



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Kelli Shaffner  
Co-Founder of Students Involved in Politics and Editor of the Newspaper.



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Christa Smith  
Co-Founder of Students Involved in Politics and Editor of the Yearbook.

Q & A

How does Debate help you prepare the future?

*"You learn different peoples point of views and how to interact with people."*

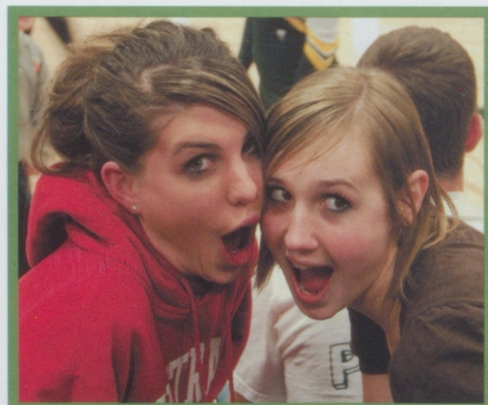
**Grant Harvey**

**Future Leaders**

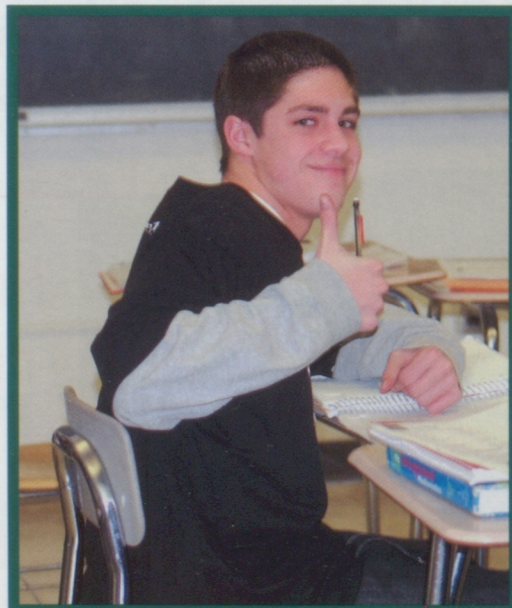


# Academics

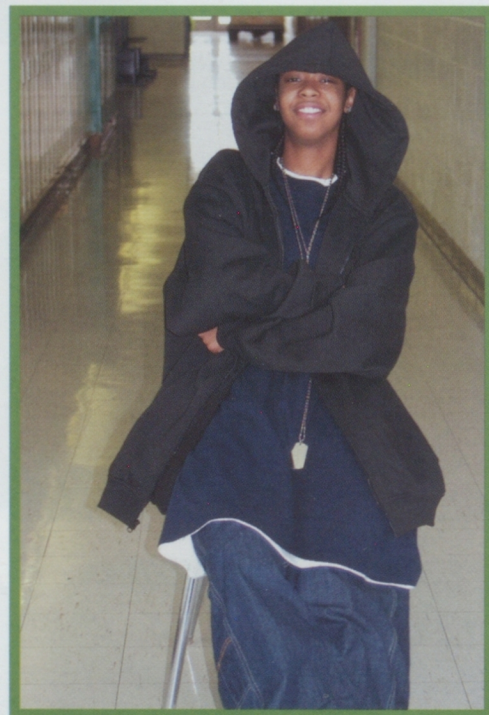
Senior Whitney Butts (below) strikes a pose during Mr. Jackson's senior English class.



Sophomore Ashley Davis (above) shows off her pearly whites while doing group work for class. She is in math class with Dawnda Roney.



Sophomore Alex Buscher (above) gives a thumbs up to Integrated 2 math. He has Dawnda Roney for his math class.



Juniors Alaina Andorf and Jennifer Stites (top) goof off in the new bleachers that arrived this fall. The gym was also renovated this year.

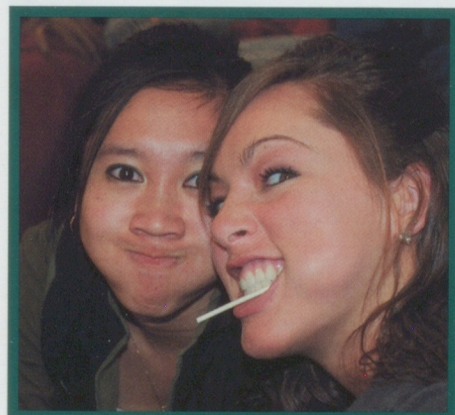
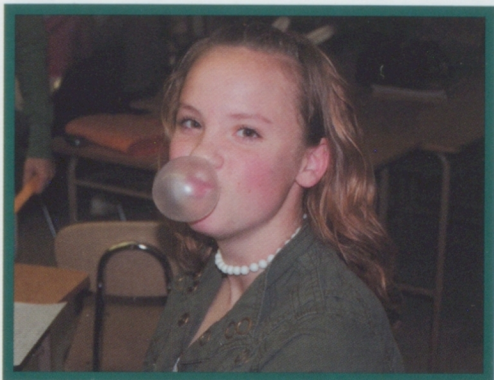
Senior Brooke Sutton (above) sits down and shows off her "laid-back" fashion. Sutton has gone to Hoover all four years of her high school career.



# Color me *brilliant*

Junior Nhu Le and Sophomore Abby Van Der Beek (below middle) put on their best faces.

Sophomore Katie Zenz (below) proves that she can make a bubble with her gum while working on her general business assignment.



Junior Hajrusa Kadusic, and sophomores Dennisa Dzafic and Azra Redzanovic (above) take some time from working hard in Kathy McNeal' businesss class to strike a pose.

Juniors Ellie Riordan and Berina Smajlagic (left) hang out in Timm Pilcher's room. Every month best buddies holds a lunch in Pilcher's room.



Sophomore Ranesha Farris (above) gets caught up in the moment during Roney's math class.



# The ups and downs

## Yes or no to AP English?

From reading to writing to discussing, AP English is a challenge. "I love making my students think about what they are reading and writing about," Senior AP teacher, Nicholas Jackson said.

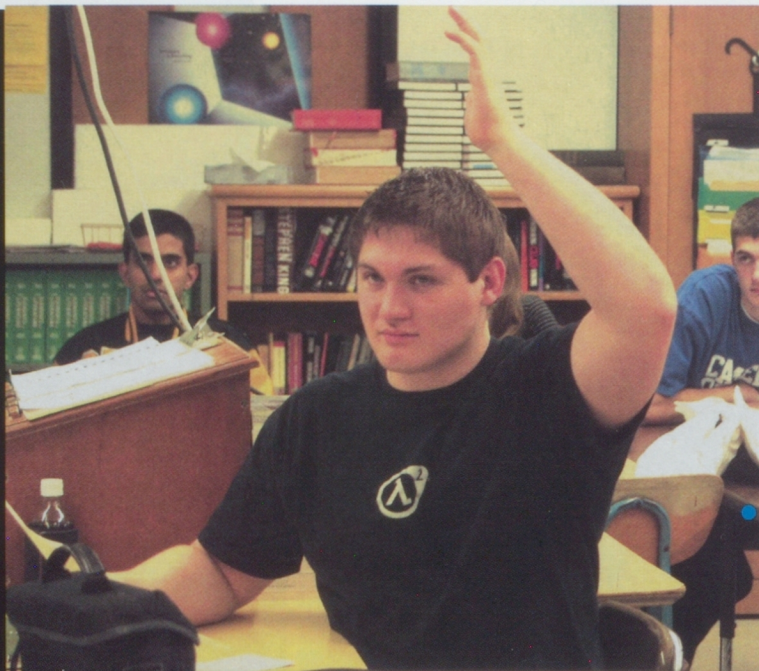
"I wanted more of a challenge," Senior Drew Thelen said. AP English is mainly about reading and writing. Seeing how you express your self in your writing, and poetry.

Even though AP English seems like it is just reading and writing, it's more complex then that. The students have work to do out of school too, like projects and reading.

"I try to keep a normal class going, I have studying and at home reading. I have them read and write poetry, understand why a book was written and over all think about what they are doing," Jackson said.

There is a lot to AP English, but you get a lot out of it. Students do their homework when ever and where they can. "I do y homework in student service, study hall and in between school and work," Senior Jackie Pauk said.

"I like to have discussions about the readings, because I want English be thought provoking," Jackson said. So even if English is challenging, you can still have fun learning at the same time.



Drew Thelen participates in class. He is an avid participant. He sits in the front row.

### Tid Bit of Info



The whole first semester is full of poetry.



You write essays, read at home, and learn how to understand a book.



AP English is a weighted class, so it helps your GPA.



Nicholas Jackson stands at the front of his class. Telling his students what to be doing.





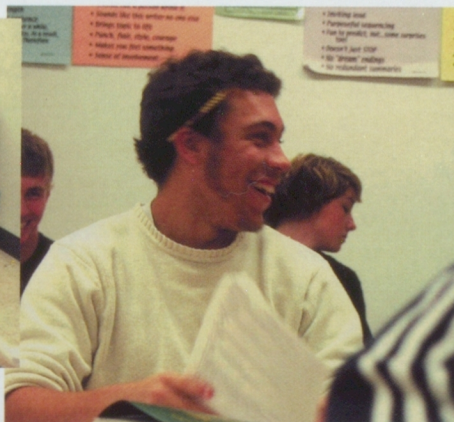
Danielle Fried looks over her project packet. Thinking about what she is going to do.

“I chose AP English because I didn’t want to feel like the only smart one in my class.”

Jackie pauk



Below, Missy Shaw is hungry so she decides to eat during class. Looking over her



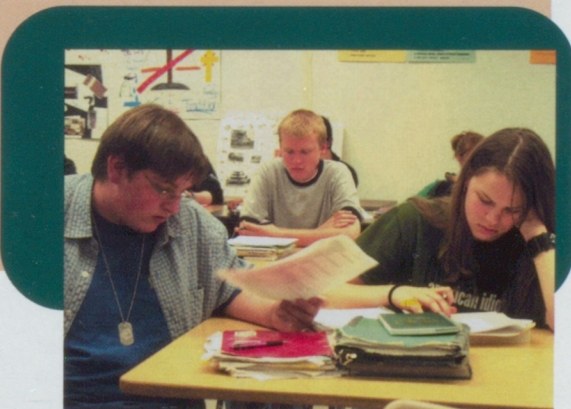
James Wilkerson laughs as he is working on his project packet. You can always have fun in class!

“I recommend taking Ap English, give it a shot because the teacher is fun and you will enjoy it.”

Drew Thelen

“If you are genuinely interested in AP English, then go for it.”

Nicholas Jackson



John Stoltze and Chelsea Rail sit in class looking over their project packets.

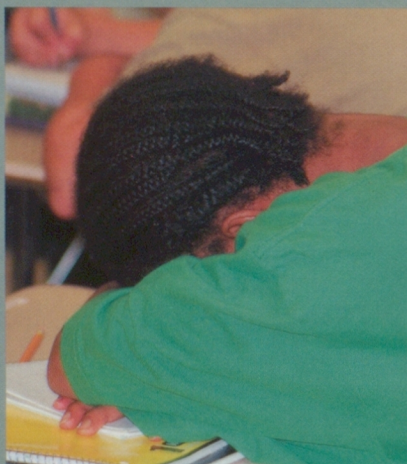


# Math problems

**Students would rather be hanging out than doing homework**



Freshman Alyssa Gourd listens during lecture.



Senior Shelby Gainer sleeps during class.

Math is not always everyone's favorite subject. More and more students stop taking notes, stop doing homework and stop trying.

"Most kids have other priorities instead of academics. I know I could have done better when I was in high school," math teacher Newman said.

Newman believes that math is a reflection of the world, and high schools should require all 4 years of math in order to graduate. Many students would disagree.

"I think you only need 3 years of math because you should just know the basics, unless you are planning on going into that field," junior Jennifer Peppers said.

Even though some students aren't giving their all, not many have F's. Only about 5% of Newman's class is failing.

"When I get a good grade on a test, I feel proud of myself," junior Dillon Vento said, "but when I get a bad grade, I feel discouraged like I didn't apply myself well enough."

Memorizing formulas, dealing with fractions and doing homework are just some of the things that students dislike about math.

"I'm not good at math and I don't like it, so I don't like doing it," Peppers said.

Many of the classrooms are packed with students. Newman wishes that her classes were smaller. She says that some students distract others from learning.

"I would change a lot of people in my class because they act bad and it's disrupting," Peppers said.

Instead of asking teachers for help, a lot of students would rather ask a family member or other students. Peppers prefers to ask her brother,

sophomore Joe Peppers, who is taking trigonometry.

"Sometimes people ask me for help because they find out that I am in calculus, and they think that I can help them," junior Kylie Burr said.

Even though math is not the most liked subject, it will be used in 99.9% of careers.

"You're going to keep learning math your whole life," Newman said. "You might as well learn as much as you can in high school."



## Top 5 Tips For Being Successful in Math

1. Take notes even if you don't understand it.
2. Always ask your teacher for help when you need it.
3. Do your homework and try your best to study for tests.
4. Try your best and never give up.
5. Make a goal and achieve it!

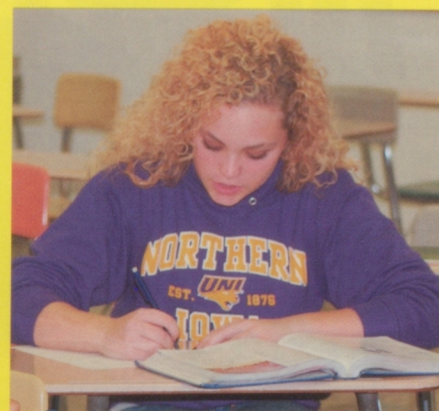


Freshman Jason Reichenbacher (above) sits quietly during class. Cody Sargent (left) works on homework.





Dawnda Roney teaches about slopes and intercepts.



Senior Allison Brown works on assignment.



Freshman Alejandra Guzman listens while learning something new.



Freshman Kayleigh Wren yawns during class.

## Did You Know....

(Minimum Requirements For Admission)

- Iowa State and The University of Iowa require 3 years of math for admission to liberal arts, and 4 years for admission to college of Engineering.
- University of Northern Iowa requires 3 years of math.
- The recommended amount of math for success is 4 years. (One in each year of high school.)



# *Nation wide experiment*

## Bio 2 takes part in P.R.E.P. project ...

New to Eric Hall's Biology 2 classroom was a nation wide experiment said to last a few months. It began in September with students trying to grow a mutated plant with their purpose being to figure out what gene was missing from the plant.

The Arabidopsis plants were received from Iowa State University that allowed Bio 2 to take part in this nation wide experiment. Hall was involved in a summer program and was asked if he would be willing to do the experiment. He agreed.

The P.R.E.P. Project was sponsored by Virginia Tech. Hoover went through Iowa State University where they sent the plants and supplies needed for the experiment. When the experiment was over, Hall was required to report back to Virginia Tech to explain how the project went and what was accomplished.

A gene was removed from the plants, causing them to become mutated. The students' assignment was to figure out what gene was missing by exposing the plants to some kind of stress, such as various kinds of light.

So far the plants are not surviving too well. "It's not going good, my plant got knocked over three times, now it's dead," senior Abby Troyer said.

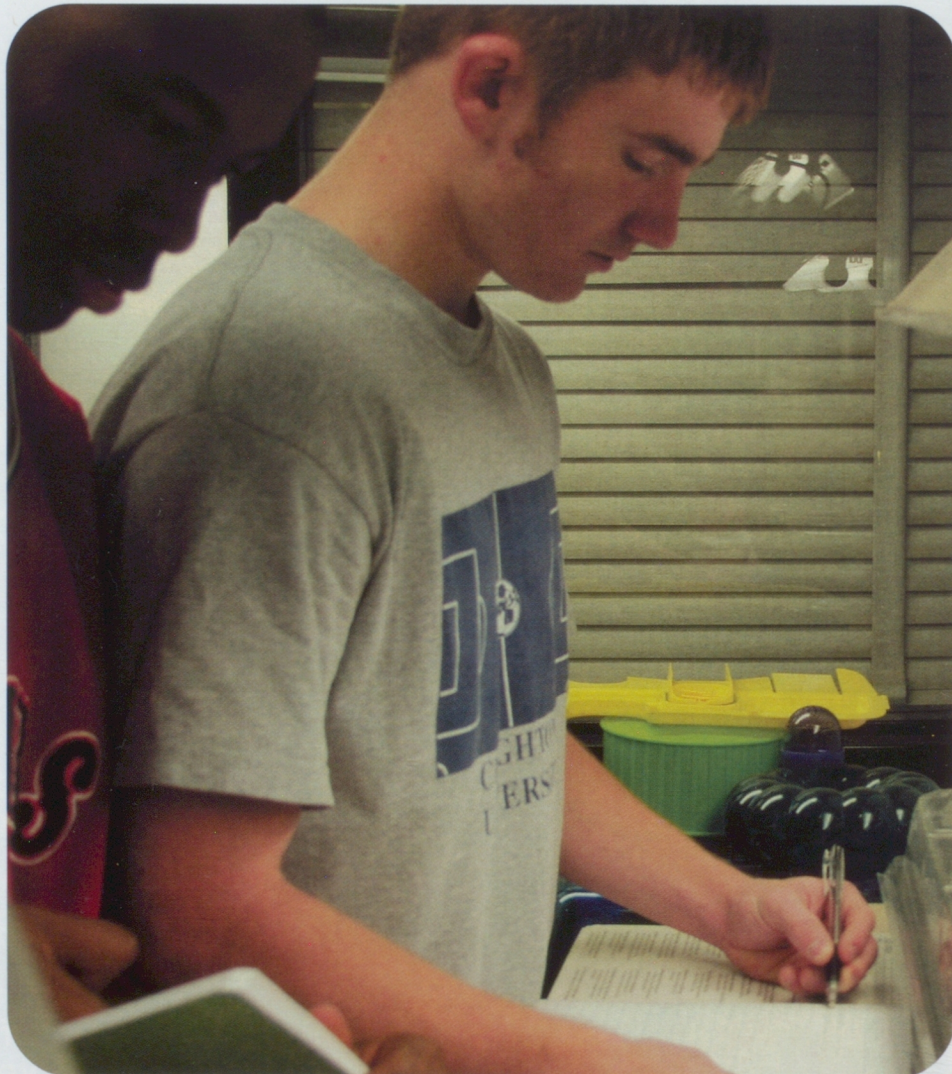
Besides getting knocked over and losing the seeds and soil, senior Alan Thorsen believes that it was the mice in the classroom that were killing the plants. "I think it's the funk of the mice that's killing them," Thorsen said. "I really think the smell of the mice has something to do with the plants dying. The plants' weak selves can't handle the smell because it's strong enough to kill you," Troyer said.

By the end of the experiment, many results are hoped to be seen. "They are supposed to grow really tall," junior Nhu Le said, but Le does not expect to see those results. "The biggest challenge is keeping them alive," Thorsen said.

Hall thinks the experiment will be good for the students. "It gives the students the opportunity to see what real research is like, research doesn't always go properly," Hall said.

A normal plant was also observed that grew fine, but the mutated plant had a problem producing enough energy. "I would like to see the difference in how the mutated and the normal plants grow, but we can't get them to grow," Hall said.

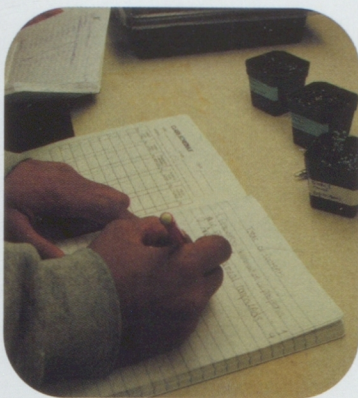
The students would like for the experiment to move faster, but the experiment will last until the plants grow. Hall thinks that the experiment will go into the second semester. "In the end, it will be worth it," Hall said.



Seniors Colin Whittie and Arnold Woods work together to look over the changes and progress in their plants.



# Students observe arabidopsis plants.



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1 Students write down the changes on each of the four plants and how they have improved, they observe the progress in the plants every couple of days.

2 Senior, Abby Troyer, plugs her nose while she observes her plants. "The plants' weak selves can't handle the smell (of the mice) because it's strong enough to kill you," Troyer said.

3 Armond Mendoza takes a nap during second hour in Bio 2, obviously not a morning person!



Junior Amber Dingman looks at the change and growth in her plants, which are having problems growing. ●●●

## So about these plants...

- \* 30 cm in height
- \* Able to grow in small areas, and in sparse and gravelly soil
- \* Self - pollinating
- \* Arabidopsis plants have 25,500 genes that are small, making them easy to examine
- \* Scientist hope to figure out the functions of all 25,500 genes by 2010
- \* Students might discover something about a gene in the plant that no one else in the world knows.



Senior, Abby Troyer, has fun observing her Arabidopsis plants while she laughs with her lab partner in Mr. Hall's class. ●●●



# Art and Photo's on the ball

Is photography really art? Some people may think it's just another art class, but they don't really know what it's about. There is a lot of different kinds of art. You can draw, paint and even build things. "We are currently working on projects like woods, metal and mosaics. I like to give my students a variety," art teacher Mirium Alshouse said. Of course, that is not all art is about.

There are shows and art galleries you can submit your work into. There's drawing, print making and so much more. "I love art, you get to create things," junior Jesse Benson said.

How does an artist get their ideas? "If you think something is a challenge to draw, I draw it," freshman Tyler Peeler said.

"No one inspired me to take art, I have always loved it," Benson said. So whether there's inspiration there or not, you can make art fun.

"If you really love art, then just do it and do it and do it," Alshouse said. Photography requires creativity just like art. Photographers see things in unique ways and capture things in photos that allow the viewer to see here perspective on things. Different people have different views on things."

"I love taking pictures at parks, lakes, work and basically anywhere that catches my eye. If it makes me look twice, I go and take a picture of it and make it unique," junior Tiffany Burkmire said.

Thinking of photography is thinking of a picture, but that's not all there is. There are different kinds of cameras such as digital and film. The film can be colored or black and white.

There is also the aspect of developing your film. There are many liberties that can be taken when processing film that allow for different effects.

"My favorite part of class is taking pictures and developing them," senior Samantha Dewitt said. Photography is art, it's created.

"Photography takes time, effort and it is worth it," photography and art teacher Pat Jensen-Bock said. "If you really like to take photos, then you should take this class. It's tough to learn everything, but it's a ton of fun," Burkmire said.

Besides taking pictures of things that catch your eye, photography students have different assignments to complete. For example, they were assigned to take pictures of lines and shadows.

Photography is art. It can be a challenge, but it is fun and allows for creativity, so if you think photos are just pictures, think again. Think about different perspectives that are being shared, then you will see that it is truly art.



Bailee Newton (left) works hard on her art project; carefully looking over her stuff.

Amanda Hick's drawing for Pat Jensen-Bock's art class.



Tommy Carpenter (above) carves an object for his 3D design class.

Tahaun Fountain (below) looks over his work to see what more he can do.



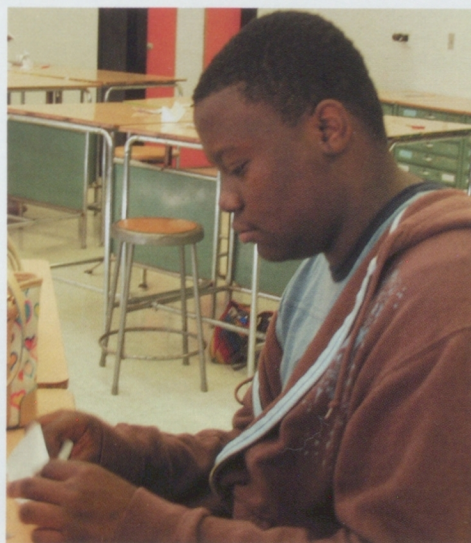


# Art is....



Peter Schoneberg and Tiara Zieglertalk (left) talk while working on their art project.

Deonte Mackie (below) thinks about what he's going to accomplish in Art class today.



Pat Jensen-Bock (below) looks over her schedule for the day.



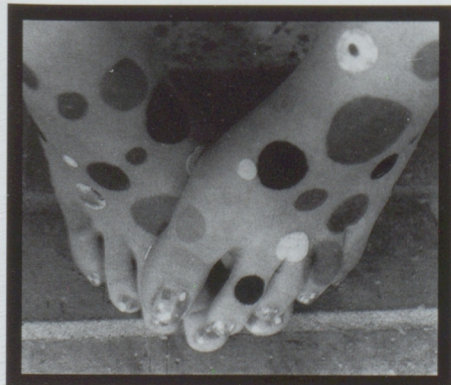
Nikki Kemp (below) is working hard on her photography project.



Tiffany Burkmire and Pat Jensen-Bock (below) talk about how to critique Tiffany's project.



Nikki Kemp's photo (below) for her photography class.



“I have always loved it.”

Jesse Bensen



Jesse Bensen's long hair covers her face as she intensely works on an Art project.

## Did You Know..

### Chiaroscuro-

From the Italian, meaning “light-Dark”. The use of value contrasts to represent the effects of light and shadow, as in shading.

### Dada-

An art movement from the early 1900's based on the principal of deliberate irrationality, cynicism and the rejection of beauty.

### Sabbatier Effect-

The Sabatier Effect refers to the phenomenon in which light areas appear dark and dark areas appear light on a negative. Additionally, a thin line appears in areas where the image has contrasting tones. When this effect occurs on a printed photo, it is known as solarisation.



What do you think Koch does on the weekends?

## QUESTION & ANSWER

"I think he goes around and compares prices because that is all he ever talks about."

● senior, Larissa Welch

"Watches CNN all day."

● senior, Alec Damn

"Watches T.V. and eats popcorn."

● senior, Lizbeth Prado

**"I think Koch is one goofy guy."**  
- senior, Michael Bicket

Senior, Rachel Lindstrom sits in front of the class and presents her campaign for president. Koch's government class did a group project and



# Koch's retirement plan

"I'll be there May 27th, will you?" Government and Economics teacher Steve Koch said to his class of half awake seniors.

Rumor has it that Koch is planning on retiring this year. "I've heard that (Koch is retiring this year)," senior Danielle Fried said.

"I will probably retire at the end of next year-June 2008," Koch said. That would make 41 years of teaching. What inspired such dedication?

Koch has always wanted to be a social science teacher. "History was my first choice," Koch said.

Some are jumping for joy and others are sad Koch is leaving. "I think he is a really good teacher and others are missing out," Fried said.

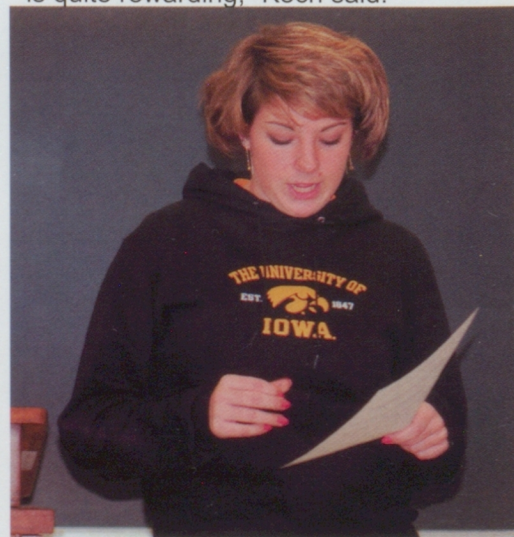
24 years of teaching and Koch is still active in the student community. "I have taught seniors the past many years and have always been involved in senior activities such as prom, post-prom, and graduation," Koch said.

Koch also tries to attend at least one football game, a couple basketball games and at least one play and musical. The students notice too. "I think he definitely leaves a mark," Fried said.

With Koch's plan of retiring some new administration has come in. "Our vice-principals are a little young and inexperienced but that will change," Koch said.

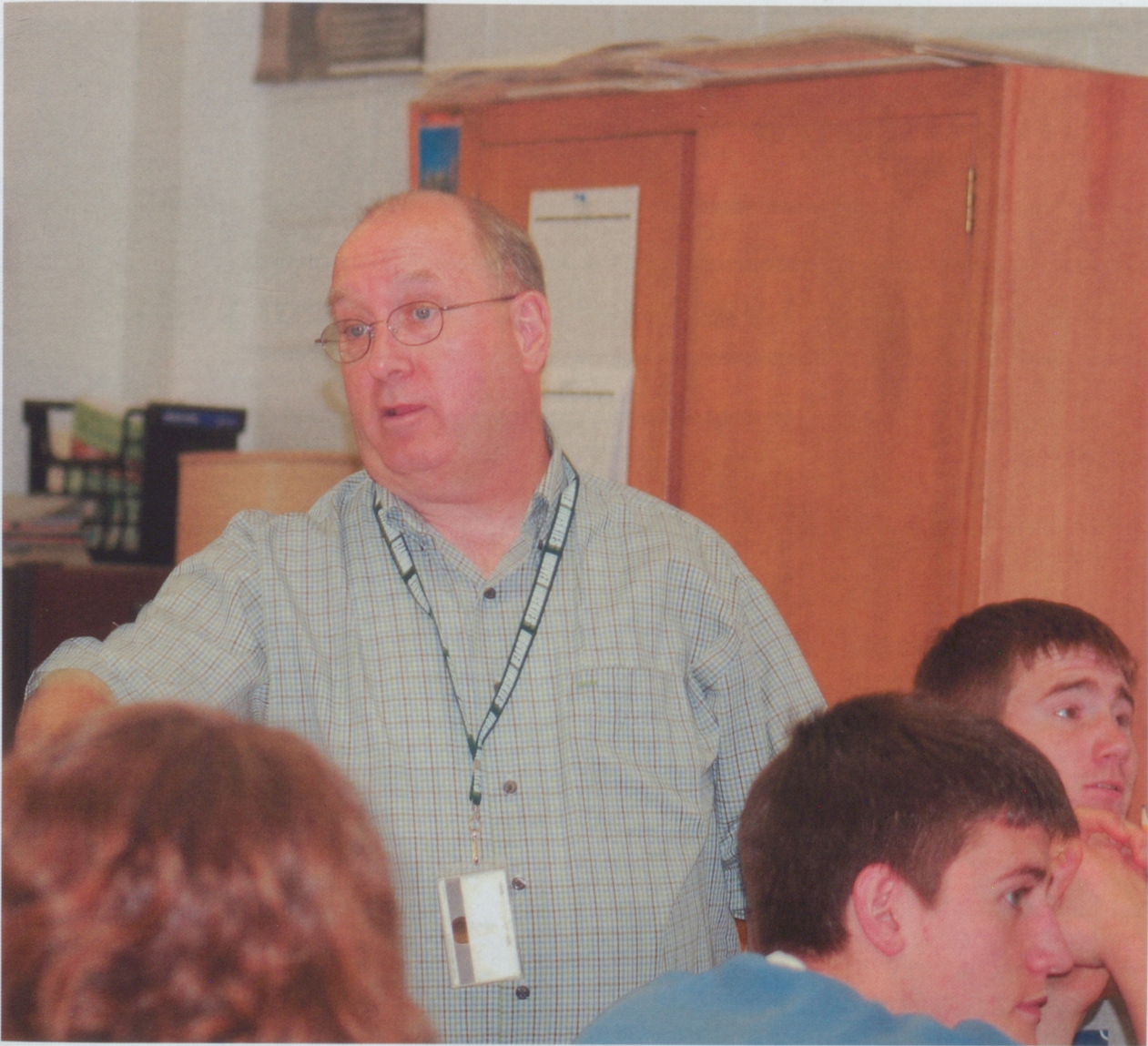
Koch has seen many students come and go and Hoover is by far one of the most diverse schools. "What students see at Hoover is really what the outside world in the U.S. is all about," Koch said.

"Hoover is a great school to be able to teach at, helping student learn what they need to know for the rest of their lives, economics and government especially) is quite rewarding," Koch said.



Senior, Missy Shaw (above) presents her paper to the class. Shaw is also on senior board. Shaw plans on attending Iowa State University. Senior, Sasha Franic talks with his group members about his thoughts





Government and Economics teacher, Mr. Koch lectures his class. "I try to get seniors to realize that it is worth it to finish their senior year and graduate,"



### WOULD YOU AGREE?

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# Foreign languages go international

## Foreign exchange student visits all the way from Serbia

Dusan Djordjevic, an exchange student came all the way to Iowa from Serbia. He was in many extra curricular activities, one of them being football. He also enjoyed practicing with the Ping Pong Club, although he wasn't officially in the club.

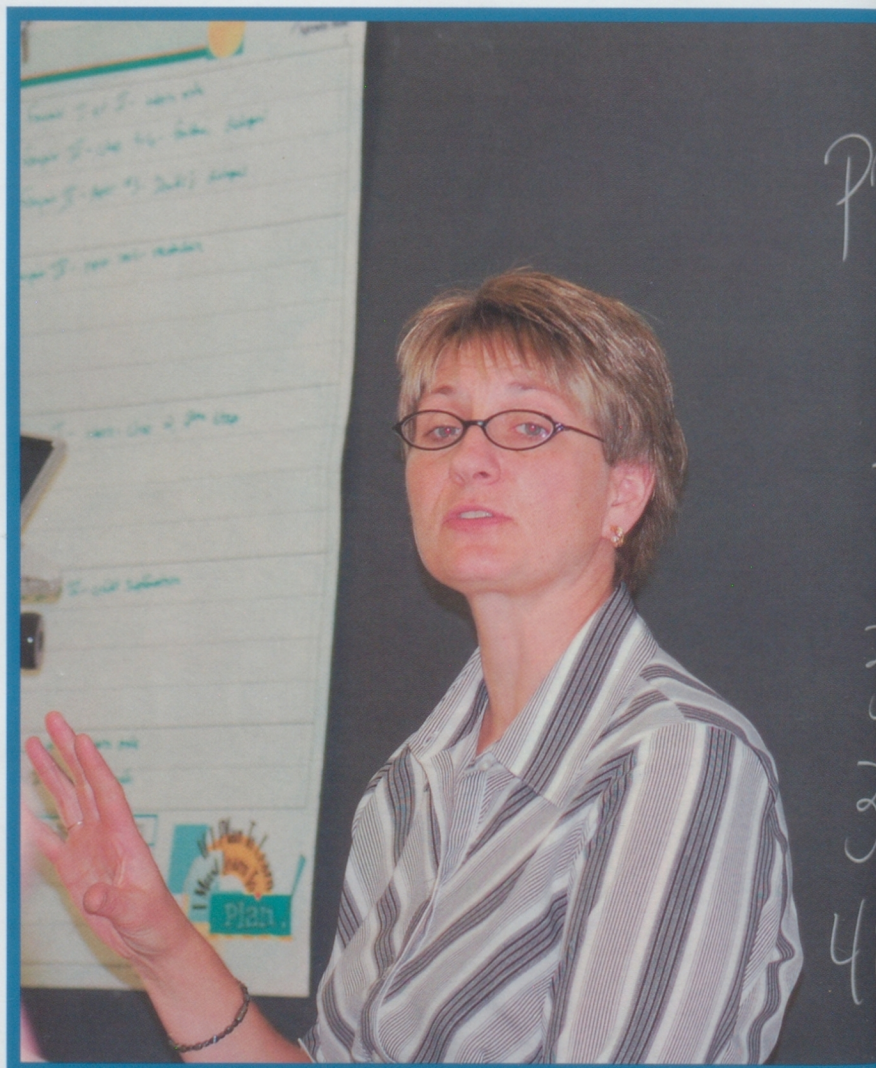
After school Djordjevic liked to hang out with his friends, doing things such as going out and partying. He said that it was hard for him to make friends because of the cultural difference. Back home he liked to go out to clubs, and just talk with his friends.

Djordjevic said that he liked attending Hoover, part of the reason being that it was much nicer than his school in Serbia, which was 125 years old. Some of the differences between Hoover and his school in Serbia were that at Hoover he had more homework, which back home he didn't have to do his homework if he didn't want to.

Another was the lockers which he had to get used to. Even with the homework factor he said that he still liked attending Hoover better.

Djordjevic said that the biggest difference between his hometown and Des Moines was that his hometown was a little bit smaller. Djordjevic said that the people are "A little more happier here."

Dusan said that nothing really shocked him when he got here, but the most interesting thing that he encountered here was the Titanic exhibit at the Science Center downtown.



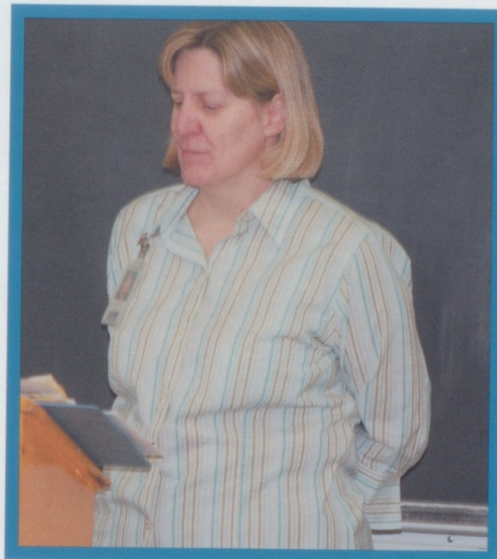
Dusan Djordjevic (right) is the exchange student from Serbia this year.



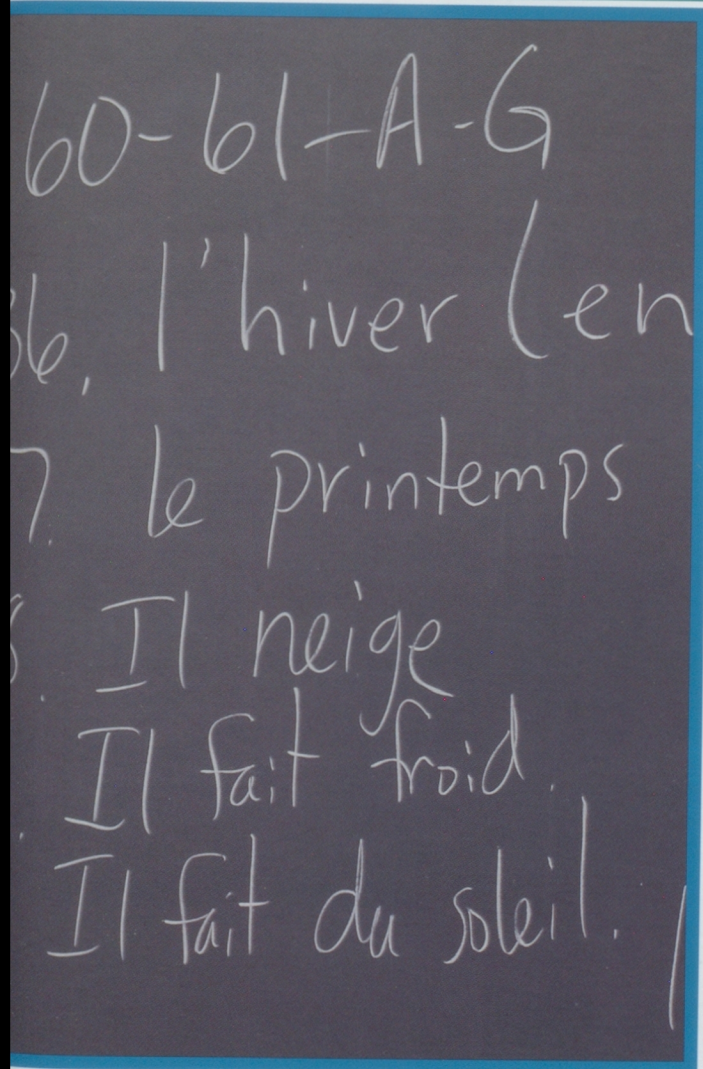




Cathy Delay  
(left) listens to  
Mrs. Eilers in  
French III.



Mary Dycus (above) is  
teaching her Spanish class.



Beth Eilers (above)  
teaches a class about  
weather in french III.

## TOP FIVE reasons to take a Foreign Language

Most colleges require it.

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You'll be considered bilingual.

3

You get to learn about other cultures.

4

They have clubs.

5

It gives you good background knowledge  
& looks good on resumés.



# Don't hate...APPRECIATE

## Extending the love for Hoover publications

When it comes to deadlines and time management, no group of people would know better than the yearbook and newspaper staffs. Both staffs deal with their own productions, yet they strive for one goal: satisfaction and appreciation from the student body.

"Most kids at school don't realize (what we do). It takes a lot of work and effort," senior Challenger newspaper co-editor in chief Shawn Gude said. He has been on staff for two and a half years and really enjoys it.

"You really have to be determined and you can't just be satisfied with an average newspaper that you put out," Gude said.

Being on staff isn't as easy as it seems to most people. Without putting in hard labor, there wouldn't be any fruitful results.

"I love how the yearbook is like our big baby- we have nine months to make it and then after we're done, it will always be around," junior Husky yearbook staff writer Brianna Landis said. Landis has been on staff for 2 years.

Regardless of which staff it is, all staff members rely on teamwork and support to do their jobs efficiently and correctly. Someone who's not on staff wouldn't fully understand the responsibilities and stress level the ones on staff have to endure.

"Publications as a whole is underrated," Gude said.

Freshman Challenger newspaper staff writer Payton Quinn also agreed that the publications departments are underrated.

**"Most kids at school don't realize (what we do). It takes a lot of work and effort."**

"Hoover has a really good publications department, it's just that we don't get enough recognition for it," Quinn said.

"The students just don't know how much effort we put in and how much dedication we have," Landis said. "We just do our best and if they don't like it we can't do anything to change their minds... all we can do is try."

"You can't say anything to make them shut up so all you can do is tell them to join staff and see (for themselves)," Gude said.

Despite all the tensions about yearbook and newspaper as a whole, staff members claim that there are pros to being on staff. Being on staff doesn't always just consist of stress, deadlines, and work.

"You gain writing skills, social skills, and confident from interviewing and communication with people," Quinn said. "I like how we all compromise and get along like family."

In general, publications staff members deserve more than the typical hype of attention that they get only during times before their publication comes out. A deeper, more appreciative approach is necessary for students to fully understand the reason for the existence of the two staffs.

### HE SAID



"Being on staff helps if you want to go into a career field related to journalism or writing."

-Senior Shawn Gude

### SHE SAID

"I like how (on staff) we can be more opinionated with our writing, unlike in a regular class."



-Freshman Payton Quinn

#### Challenger Newspaper Staff 2006-2007:

Back: Aaron Gottl, Kelli Shaffner, Christine Attey, Shaina Evans, Sam Kyker, Shawn Gude, Mike Kuhlbeck  
Front: Deonte Mackie, Katie Stoen, Sami Ricke, Payton Quinn, Jayne Leveke, Emily Tow, Bailey Eginore, Rachael Stern.





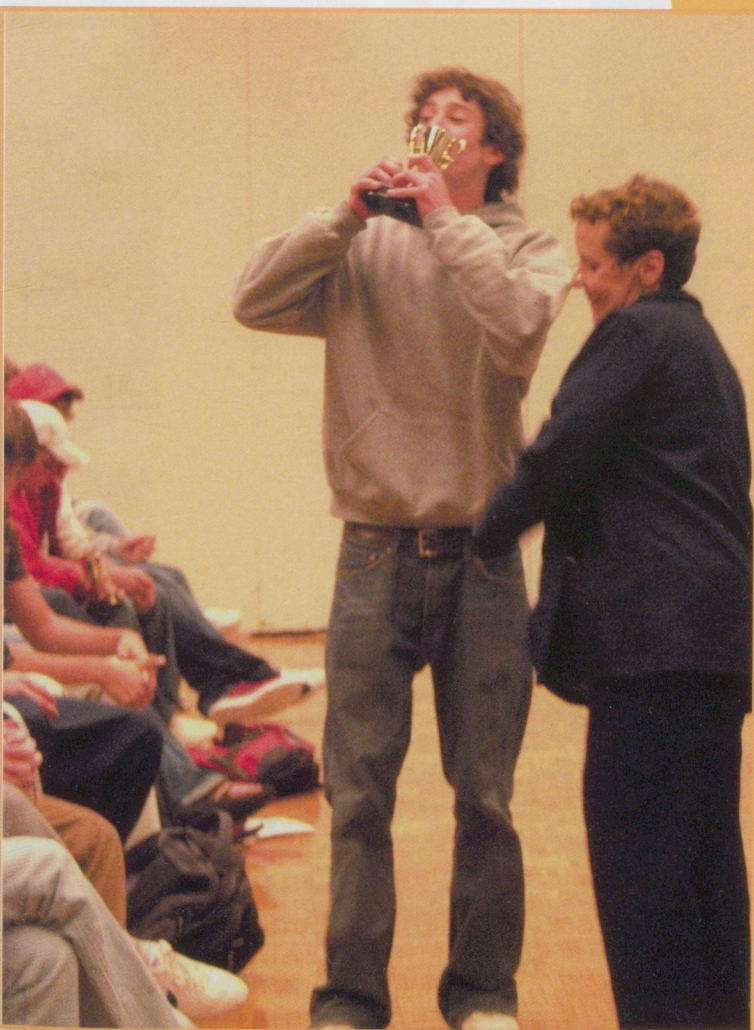


Senior Jessica Perry gets down and dirty in yearbook class to connect a camera's USB cord to the computer. This is necessary to upload photos.

## Teacher Spotlight



Name: Timm Pilcher  
Title: Publications  
Advisor  
Occupation: Teacher  
Years teaching: 12  
Years at Hoover: 7  
Classes taught: Journalism, Yearbook, Newspaper  
Location: Room 172



Senior Shawn Gude goes up to collect his trophy at the Iowa High School Press Association (IHSPA). Gude won first place for the Sports Writing category. This year's IHSPA took place on Oct. 16th at Drake University's Olmsted Center.



Husky Yearbook Staff 2006-2007:  
Back Row: Sara Little, Sara Halverson, Elyse Wilson, Morgan Heintz, Ashley Lawrence  
Third Row: Barbara Baccam, Dana Hall, Stephanie Mulstay, Jessica Perry, Elizabeth Howett, Tom Foster  
Second Row: Kendra Harding, Danielle Gibbons, Christa Smith, Brianna Landis, Jenny Nguyen  
Front Row: Loan Dinh, Elizabeth Mcinroy  
Publications\_Jenny Nguyen



# Why take industrial technology?

Senior Jake Birdsell working on a project in his Metals class.

Senior Alex Chioine starts the torch to work on his metals project where they practice welding.



Chris Knee is helping one of his students in one of the Industrial Tech classes.



Electives are classes students can choose to take. These classes are Fundamentals of Woods, Fundamentals of Metals, Tech Today, and CAD.

Chris Knee teaches these classes. He has been teaching at Hoover for 13 years and has his B.S. in Technology Education from the University of Northern Iowa. Knee likes to teach industrial tech because everything is always changing.

"There's always something new to learn about," Knee said. Seniors Jacob Birdsell and Mark Schlieff both are in a class with Knee. They are both taking these classes as just an extra class to help them graduate. Birdsell is taking CAD and fundamentals of Metals. "Mr. Knee explains everything

carefully and fully so we can understand," Birdsell said. Not everyone agrees with Mr. Knee explaining things fully. "He talks too much," Schlieff said. Mr. Knee thinks taking these classes is a great way to explore different interests for career opportunities. "It makes it really challenging to teach classes when students are just taking the class because they need to, not because they want to," Knee said.

Both Schlieff and Birdsell like the hands on experience that you get when you take these classes. The Des Moines Public Schools have invested over two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in the last six years to the Industrial tech program.

"I would like to see more students take advantage of that at Hoover," Knee said.

Senior Michelle Rameriz is working on a fake checking account in Madison's Adult Living class.

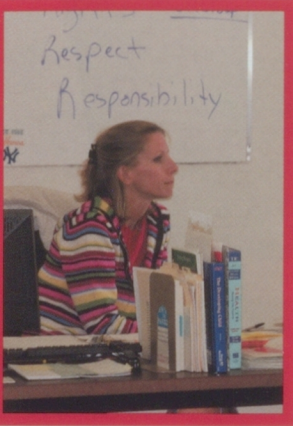


**Industrial Tech  
classes offered at  
Hoover Hlgh:  
Fundamentals of  
Woods  
Fundamentals of  
Metals  
CAD  
Tech Today**





# New rooms, new classes



Madison sits listening intently to the speaker she had come to her child development classes. It was a lecture on safe sex. The speaker also came to promote a new group to start that would advocate safe sex as well.

Classes offered at Hoover High:  
Food Prep 1  
Food Prep 2  
Sewing  
Child Development  
Adult Living  
Health  
Fashion



There's a new surrounding for Keresten Conn and Carla Madison. They switched classrooms and classes that they teach this year.

Conn still teaches sewing, and now Nutrition Foods Prep One and Prep Two. This year is a requirement that you take Prep One in order to take Prep Two.

"I always love to prepare food in general," Conn said. She loves her new classes, "They just fit me."

"I miss Child Development though," Conn said. Child Development was a more personal class. You had to talk about the sexual part of everyday life.

Senior Patrick Williams is taking Sewing One with Conn.

"So when I get fat and rip my pants, I can sew them back together myself," Williams said.

He thinks it was a great idea for them to switch rooms.

"Mrs. Conn always wanted to cook and Mrs. Madison always wanted to teach Child Development," Williams said.

Madison is now teaching Child Development. She has a B.A. in Education from the University of Northern Iowa.

Madison has been teaching for 17 years. The last three have been at Hoover.

Madison taught all the FACS classes when she taught at Lincoln and Harding.

"I missed teaching Child Development and Sewing," Madison said.

Conn and Madison decided to talk to Principal Connie Cook about this. The decision came to switching rooms and classes last year.

"I love having the windows," Madison said.

Mrs. Madison misses being able to do the demonstrations and having the students be more involved in what she is teaching.

Junior Cody Smith thinks it was a weird change.

Smith is taking Child Development to fill up his schedule for the semester.

"It's easy to understand Mrs. Madison's instructions," Smith said. He misses Conn's teaching techniques though.

Everything is going great for Conn and Madison. They are getting use to it all and like it very much.



# The Chosen Ones, and more...

Sixth period finally comes along after a long school day. Senior Kari Gladson sat down in Ms. Renoux's class and logged into the school website and is ready to conquer the web design world. "There's so much stuff to do like take pictures, interview people and update the pages," Gladson said with a sigh and tired look. Kari is one of five students involved in web design. Web design is an independent study class where students work on Hoover's website by maintaining, updating, putting in new things and trouble shooting it. Not every student is eligible to be in this particular class though.

"The students have to know the program. We use FrontPage. They need Media and the Net also. But I get to pick who's in it based on responsibility and creativity," computers teacher Judy Renoux said.

There's more to web design than just sitting in a chair and maintaining the school website. Students have to take pictures, do interviews and design the pages online.

"We collect lots of information and take pictures and walk around to every classroom talking to teachers," Gladson said. "It's like basic journalism in a way," Renoux said.

Besides being amateur journalists, students have their own responsibilities.

"We (web design students) break it down into sections and decide who wants to do what and whatever we pick we update that. I have to update departments like the teachers," junior Nathan Johnson said.

"I do the girls sports. I also did homecoming and some departments," Gladson said.

The other students Patrick Williams did the boys sports, Ted Matthews did mainly hardware and troubleshooting and Elyse Wilson did departments.

As the World Wide Web turns into a new part of life, school classes must also follow the changes. A new web development class is in the making.

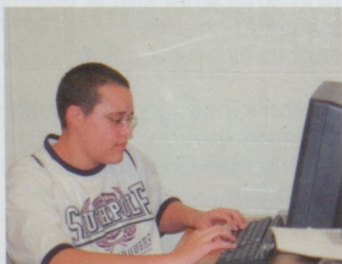
"It's called Intro to Website Development. It's going to be a DMACC credit class. It'll teach HTML, XHTML, and Javascript. This time we will create web pages by coding. In web design we used Frontpage. This class is for advanced students, preferably juniors and seniors who've taken Media and the Net," said Renoux.



Senior Elyse Wilson (above) gets ready to take pictures for the school's website.



Junior Nathan Johnson fixes up the Hoover webpage. Johnson is in charge of the teachers departments section of the webpage.



"There's so much stuff to do."  
-senior Kari Gladson



# Hoover students become the web designers.

Computers teacher Judy Renoux gives a hand to senior Tiffany Guerreo in ? class.

## PROFILE : Judy Renoux



### The Basics

Name: Judy Renoux  
Subject(s): Computer Applications, Word Processing, Keyboarding, Media and the Net, Desktop Publishing, Web Design, and Business Law

Years teaching: 20

Years at Hoover: 11

Favorite saying: "People spend money they don't have to buy things they don't need to impress people they don't like."

Words of Wisdom: "When in doubt, DON'T."



# Just the love of music!

## *Recruiting, recruiting and more recruiting.*

Recruiting, recruiting and more recruiting. That's all that the vocal music program has been trying to do. It's not so easy of a task when it seems like you never can keep the same teacher as they had the year before. "The reason I keep coming back is because I just have the love of music" senior Allison Kirschbaum said. "If you don't have the love, I don't think that you would keep coming out" Kirschbaum said. Vocal music is probably one of the hardest things to do to get people to want to come out for "just because it may not be the *cool* thing to do" junior Eden Stokka said. They need more boys "I Think boys wont come out because a lot of our boys are the *jocks*" Stokka said. "Also I think people won't come out because you may have to try out and some people won't want to go through that" Kirschbaum said.

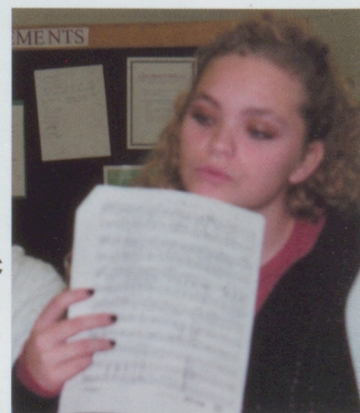
I think its fun. I mean it's an extra class with no work. That's the best Stokka said", and just think if you went out for music no work just a whole bunch of singing! Vocal music has been trying to recruit they have put up many flyers, announcements and word of mouth, but so far things have not worked out for the best and they still haven't figured out why. The numbers in the classes have gone down in the last couple of years, not having the same teacher every year doesn't help.



Ashley Elliot, Allison Brown, and Stephanie Lienen try to concentrate on singing in class.



Anya Peters and Sharena Curry (left) sing at a vocal music concert.



Allison Brown reads over sheet music in class.

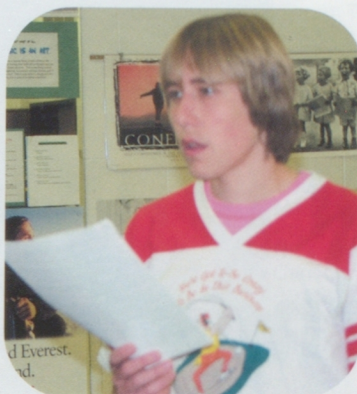




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**1** Ashley Elliot and Allison Brown, having a little bit of fun, while practicing a new song!

**2** Stefanie Lienen singing the new music that they have been working on.

**3** Junior Steven Crane, listening to his teacher, he is one of the three boys in that class.



The class as a whole participate in concerts. Parents, students and teachers are invited to come to the auditorium to listen.

**Q & A**

Why do you think a lot of people don't go out for Vocal Music?

"I think people don't go out for vocal music, because they don't want to be judged by their friends".

**Jessica Cam**

"I think it's because people don't think that they are good enough to go out for vocal music."

**Frankie Kaiser**





# Lets hear it for the bands

Did you know that we have more than one type of band

Band teacher Mr. Day Teaches Jazz Band 1st period.

Some people think there is just marching or pep band. That's because we hear about marching band at football games. And we hear about pep band at basketball games. The truth is that we have four different types of bands.

"We have marching, concert, pep, and jazz band," senior Melissa Shaw said. The bands practice at different times throughout the year. "Some last a few months and others last the whole year," junior Ashlee Norris said.

Before school starts marching band has a camp that is two weeks long in the summer and we also have workshops. It's a time for us to hang out," freshman Alyssa Gourd said.

Marching and concert band are required, until this year when pep band is required also. "Before this year you had to tryout for both jazz and pep but now only jazz band you have to tryout for.

"Concert and jazz band practices from the end of October to the end of the year" Shaw said.

"Marching and pep start more towards the beginning of the year," Norris said.

"I like having more than one type of band because they make band more interesting and it gives us a variety of music," Shaw said.

"When I play I get the satisfaction of my music heard by a lot of different people and it makes me feel good about myself," Gourd said.

"My favorite part about band is performances and competitions, because when you're with all those people and in that area you feel respected and it makes me feel like people care. Shaw said.

"My least favorite part about band is the 7 a.m. practices, because it sucks being at school before everyone else!" Norris said.

No matter what type of band you're in you still have to still work as hard, such as getting up early, putting in extra time and effort, or being committed to what you're doing.



The marching band preforms the follow-the-leader-move in Reve Rouge.



Marching band and the flaggers preforms A La Lune at the homecoming game.





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(From Top Left) Drew Thelen, Joe Ghormly, Anthony Olson, Daniel Kleinfelter, Colin Whittie, Tanner Heintz, Tanner Shaw, Kelsey Wren, Nathan Bickel, Drew Davis, Jason Homord, Ashlee Norris, Carolyn Thorn, Sam Burt, Ben Hawks, Andrew Lamb, Nick Hestbech, Kristen Hukill, Chelsea Rail, Tim Bales, Alan Thorsen, Brian Oswald, Gavin Gallegos, Charlee Banghart, Eden Stoka, Kyle Uthe, Amber Anderson, Kacy Messerschmidt, Carter Augustine, Arnold Woods, Parker Wolfe, Emily Dungan, Viana Nguyen, Nick Ahrens, Alex Murdock, Mike Bell, Brenna Carlson, Katie Hawks, Mitch Stites, Dan Oswald, Austin Schaller, Aaron Waseskuk, Amber Dingman, An Le, Anna Swan, Sydney Johnson, Casey Clark, Allison Kirschbaum, Adam Stearns, Missy Shaw, Madi Rothman, Alexandria Reif, Kayleigh Wren, Cathy Delay, Ashley Foreman, Maggie Quernemoen, Alyssa Gourd, Drew Foster, Mr. Hoepker, Elizabeth Bourland, Brittany Figueroa, Krista Nelson, Kassie Brown, Alyssa McNeeley, Kylie Good, Danielle Guisinger, Leslie Millard, Laura Mwirichia, Ursala Brandt, Courtney McNeeley, Kelsey Keiran, Mallory Stites, Becca Leffler, Sarah Kleinhesselink, Alayna CassieBeiley, Beth Nations, Cassie Tant, Mr. Andrews.

*John*  
PHOTOGRAPH



junior Adam Sterns (left) puts his clarinet together for band class. junior Amber Dingman plays the xylophone in band class.



What is your favorite part about band?

My favorite part about band is being a flagger for marching band, even though it was my 1st experience I enjoyed every moment of it!

Courtney McNeeley



juniors Anthony Olson and Joe Ghormley, plays the Saxophone in class.



Practice makes perfect. In any type of music that's the truth. Orchestra practices hard to be at the top.

"We go to class and practice," junior Kaitlyn Rooney said. There are four concerts a year and also competitions every spring.

"The concerts are free but donations are always welcome," orchestra teacher Lisa Fried said.

People don't go to the concerts unless they have to and orchestra doesn't get as much credit as band. "We don't play at football games like band does," Rooney said.

The concerts last about a hour and a half. "I try to get people interested in the concerts by announcements, posters and t-shirts," Fried said.

There are 52 people in the orchestra class and it's not just high school but also 8th graders. Many of the players have been playing since elementary school.

They also take lessons outside of school to make them better. "I've been playing since third grade and I think our group is strong," junior Hilary Butler said.

Orchestra students bond by social events outside of school. They go on trips and also perform outside of school. "We go around and play at middle schools and also go on tours," Butler said.

The music they play is mostly classical with a few exceptions. "I enjoy the music for the most part," junior Ted Mathews said.

Orchestra has become more known over the past two years. "Students don't realize that Orchestra is a division one orchestra which is top quality," Fried said.

# Stringin' it up

## Competition makes orchestra better known



Orchestra teacher Lisa Fried instructs the class. She teaches both Meredith and Hoover with no planning period.



Junior Hannah Allen listens to the teacher during class.



Junior Jolie Monroe concentrates while playing the violin.



Senior Yvette Rodriguez plays hard in class to make the song perfect.



## HE SAID

"I enjoy the people in my class. They make it fun. I've been playing the violin since fifth grade and I enjoy playing."



Junior  
Ted Mathews

## SHE SAID

I enjoy most of the people in my class. I play the viola and I enjoy it and do a lot outside of school. I like that way the class is and I think playing music is fun."

Junior  
Hilary Butler



Sophomores Chris Neal and Bryne Berry wait patiently for the teacher to pass out music.



Junior Aaron Gottl and Senior Ryan Trump work together in class to get the music right on the dot.



Junior Madison Schoniers (above) sits front row center in class.



Junior Liz Pecora concentrates on her music during class.

"I think keeping rhythm, and counting at all times is probably the most challenging thing in orchestra. I've taken private lessons since middle school."

Senior  
Jake Hestbech



"I play the violin and that's why I like orchestra. I'd like to change that we have uniforms and I wish that we did fun things in class not just outside of class."

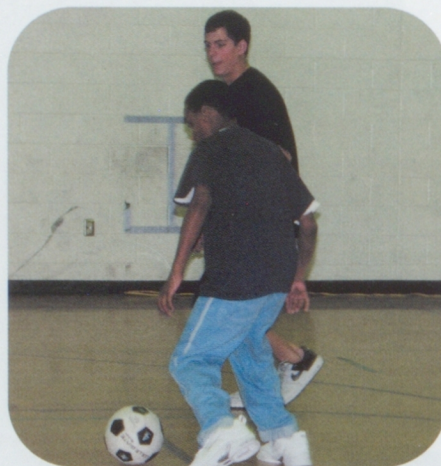
Junior  
Kaitlyn Rooney



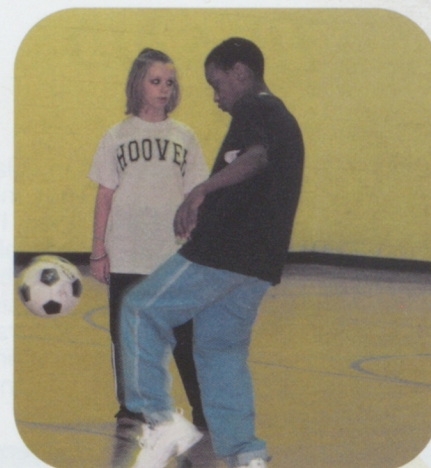




Freshmen Katherine Keiter and Sophomore Tanner Setka are waiting to restart the game.



Freshmen Josh Hare is going for the goal.



Freshmen Mary Lindaman is trying to get the ball from freshmen Josh Hare.

## 'Not every school has P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.

P.E.O.P.L.E P.E is an adaptive P.E class where teachers match students with disabilities with a partner who doesn't have a disability and they participate together in many different fun activities. This class is not only to work on your physical abilities, but also it helps you to talk to other students and to develop friendships. P.E.O.P.L.E P.E has three different sections of activities that students can participate in, physical fitness, leisure activities, and sports games. P.E.O.P.L.E P.E takes place during fourth period and has about thirty students in it.

Some of the students that join P.E.O.P.L.E P.E are also in Best Buddies. Also some of the students join the Special Olympics.

The Special Olympics is a type of fun competition between students with disabilities. Some of the activities students participate in are basketball, bowling and track and field.

Anyone with a disability can join the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics took place in Indianola. Students got bused to Indianola, and the students with disabilities in P.E.O.P.L.E P.E can also bring their partners if they choose to.

Cynthia Grandquist is the teacher for P.E.O.P.L.E P.E. Grandquist also teaches all of the special ed classes at Hoover.

"Not every school has P.E.O.P.L.E P.E. and Hoover does so that's something to show Hoover's attitude towards students with disabilities."



Alexis Edwards is sneaking up on someone to win



# 'Take P.E. It's Cool!'

Students take P.E. for many different reasons.

P.E. is a class where students can become physically fit and get to know some of the other students around them. Freshmen Marisol Meza takes P.E. because it's something fun to do. Junior Josh O'Connor takes P.E. to keep in shape, and senior Sarah Howe takes P.E. so she can graduate.

The teachers are Wendy Turner, Haywood Boston and Coach Means. Some of the activities in P.E. are weight lifting, soccer, swimming, volleyball, prisonball, basketball and many others. There are also other opportunities for P.E. The students can also join Fit P.E. and P.E.O.P.L.E P.E.

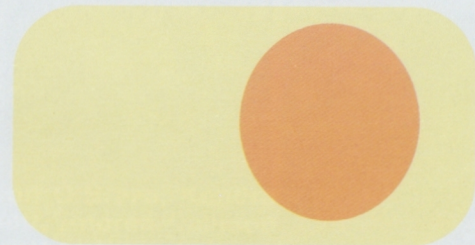
"I would rather take P.E. over my other elective classes because it's a chance for a student to get out of a normal class for something fun." Although some students have different opinions on what they would prefer. "I would not rather have P.E. over other elective classes because sometimes it is hard and you have to swim," Marisol Meza said. "Take P.E. because it is fun and the teachers make it interesting for you," Meza said.

There are many different stretching techniques you learn that may be useful even outside of school

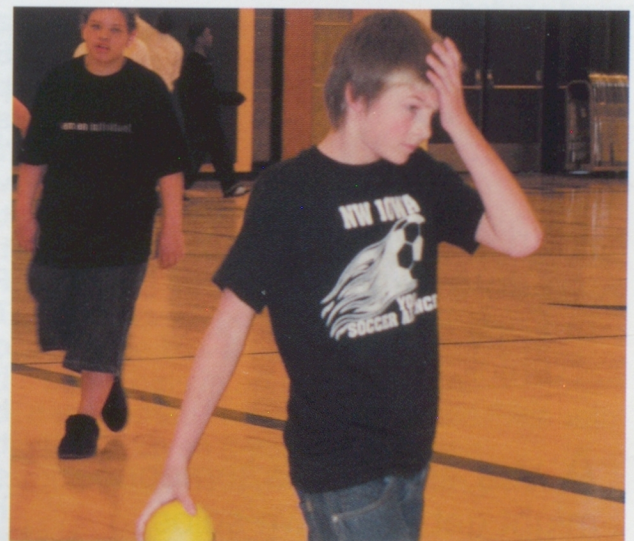
even outside of school. Many students can use the techniques in different things such as sports. "Take P.E. it's cool!" O'Connor said.



Sophomore Ashley David is getting ready to throw the ball to get someone out.



Freshmen Austin Kienol rubs his head while thinking about his next move in the elimination game.



## TOP Five Reasons to take P.E.

1

You can become physically fit.

2

It is fun and an easy A.

3

The teachers make the class fun and interesting.

4

It's better than taking other elective classes.

5

There are a variety of games to choose from.



Freshmen Tarah Daughenbaugh is throwing the ball in to get the game going.



# STEP it up..

Step is mind, body and soul.



Renicka Carter, Jasmine Hayes, and Ilesha Quinn get into the routines at the basketball game. They chant to get the crowd excited.



Jasmine Hayes, Ilesha Quinn and Tyesha Smith stomp and clap to make it more interesting.

## Question & Answer

**Q:** What is the difference between step and drill?

**A:** In step you step and chant, we do a little bit of drill stuff, but drill is more dancing.

-Renicka Carter

**Q:** Are their solos?

**A:** Yea, sometimes someone might get their own solos.

-Ilesha Quinn

**Q:** Would you recommend joining?

**A:** Yea, if you got the interest in it and are willing to be committed.

-Cody Parker

Do you got the beat? Well the step team does.

The step team isn't really dancing, its more of chanting and stomping. While they are doing their routines they are listening to rap and R&B.

The step team's routines usually last around 3 minutes. Each performance the step team has a new routine. They learn about one or two at a time at practice, depending on time and their schedule.

Their practices are on Monday and Wednesday from 4:15 to 6:30 after school. During practice they work on their steps and dances.

"We get our moves from watching videos and making things up, putting things together that are cute," senior Renicka Carter said.

The try-out process is a little different for the step team than it was for drill team. "In the beginning you sign up and then if you learn the right steps, you're in," freshman Ilesha Quinn said.



Freshmen Ilesha Quinn (above) participates in the step routines. This is Quinn's first year on the step team.



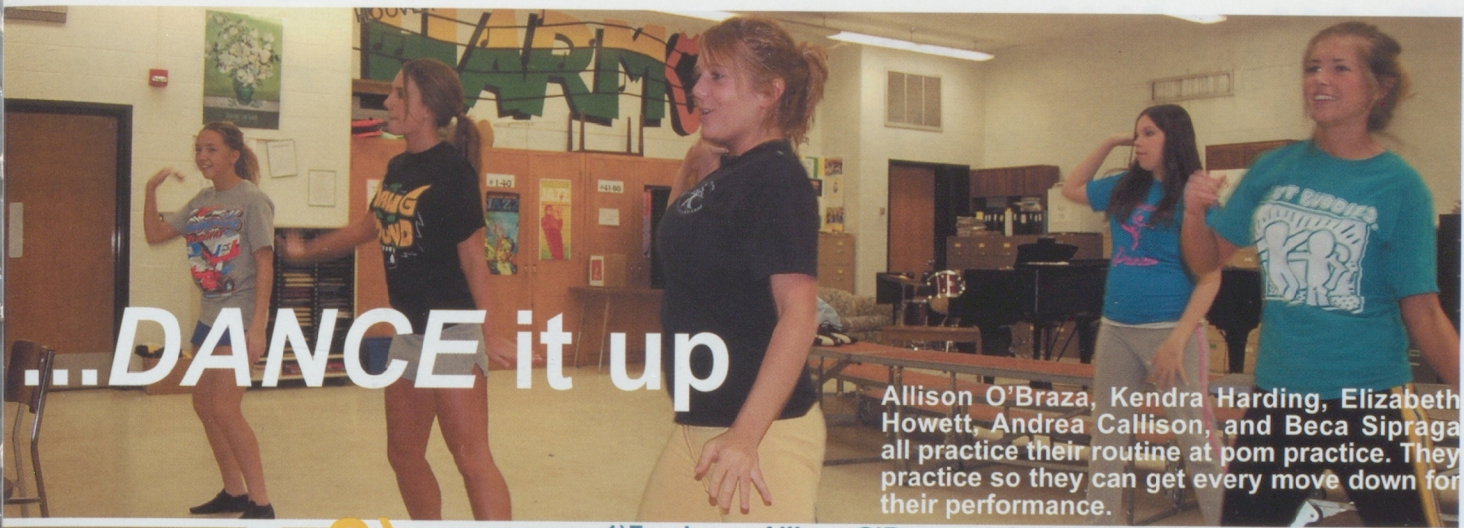
The step team performed at a husky basketball game. They stand and get ready to start the performance.



Tamisha Bekish, Renicka Carter, RaeShawn Davis, and Tyesha Smith (far right) stand in a row during their performance, chanting and stomping. They had shirts made special, for their performance.

Last: Aaron Stevens, RaeShawn Davis, Debbi Caldwell, Tyesha Smith, LaRon Wilson. Second: Qiana McCurn, Renicka Carter. Front: Jasmine Hayes.



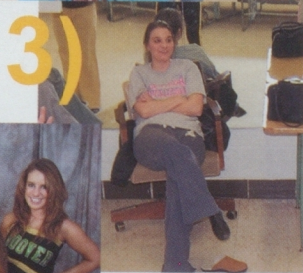


Allison O'Braza, Kendra Harding, Elizabeth Howett, Andrea Callison, and Beca Sipraga all practice their routine at pom practice. They practice so they can get every move down for their performance.



1) Freshmen Allison O'Braza works in the group, practicing their routine. This is Allison's first year in dance at Hoover.

2) Kendra Harding, Allison O'Braza, Elizabeth Thomas, and Andrea Callison practice their routine to get it right. They watch in the mirror so they can see if they miss a beat.



3) Amanda Koehler sits and watches the girls practice. She tells the girls when they are off beat or didn't get a move right.



5) Last: Jessica Ware, Andrea Callison, Elizabeth Thomas, Beca Sipraga, Kendra Harding. Front: Elizabeth Howett, Allison O'Braza, Kylie Van Houten, and Patty LaPole.



4) Elizabeth Thomas helps Andrea Callison learn some new moves. Callison had missed practice time and Thomas is helping her catch up.

## A Whole New Team

What is drill? Most think it's like step...but it's not. Drill is also referred to as pom, dance, and hip hop.

Drill team is new this year. Amanda Koehler is the coach. She has a background dancing as well as some girls in on the drill team.

"I took dance when I was six," freshmen Elizabeth Thomas said. Even if you don't have a background in dance, you can still be on the team.

The girls practice Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 3-4:30, sometimes 5 o'clock. Koehler choreographed the first dance and now they have a dance major from Ames; that choreograph their second routine.

"I enjoy drill team because it's fun to hang out and dance," freshmen Kylie Van Houten said. The try-outs process was fairly easy for the girls. When they went to try-out for cheerleading they tried out for drill too.

"We tried out with the cheerleaders and did the fight song," freshmen Allison O'Braza said.

There are about nine or so girls on the team. Once you join, you're committed to the whole season. "You should be committed to the team once you join because it could hurt the team if you quit," Van Houten said.

"Our team started out with sixteen girls and now were down to nine," Thomas said. The girls all said they enjoy being on the team. "It's fun and a good way to make friends," O'Braza said.

So if you enjoy dancing and want to be on the team, try-out.

## "Quote This"

"Drill is more jazz and hip hop; step is more stomping, freshmen Elizabeth Thomas said.

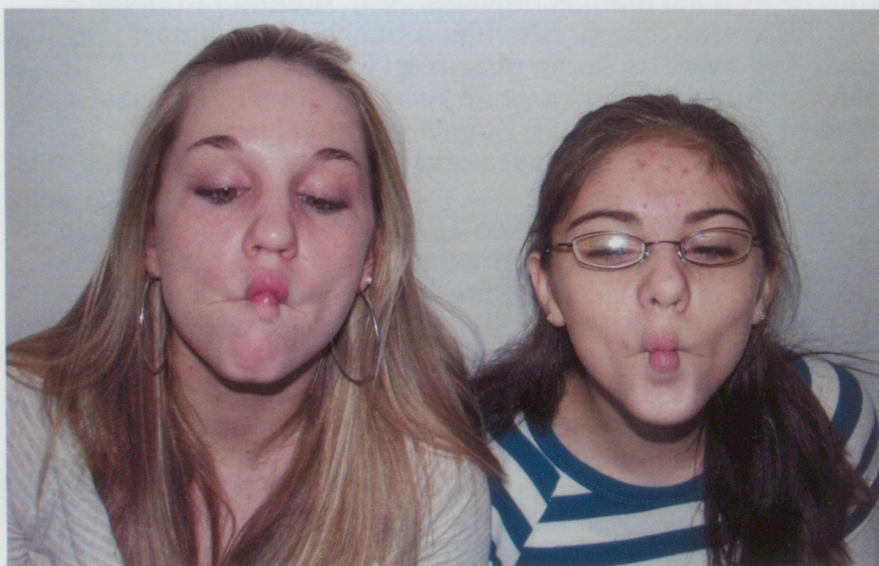
"Drill team isn't too challenging, if you know the basics, freshmen Allison O'Braza said.

"I recommend joining if you enjoy dancing, freshmen Kylie Van Houten said.





# Underclassmen



Junior Debbie Caldwell (top left) makes a funny face at the basketball game against East.

Junior Stephon James (top right) poses for the camera outside of his computer apps class.

Freshmen Keri O'Tool and Elizabeth Elliott (above) make a funny face while working on World History outside of Mr. Danielson's classroom.



Sophomore Katie Zenz (above) makes a face for the camera at a basket ball game after playing on the varsity team against East.

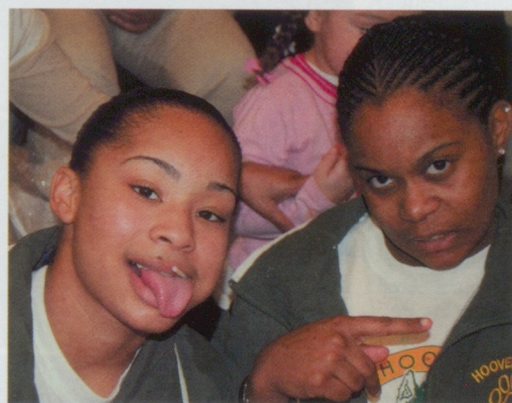
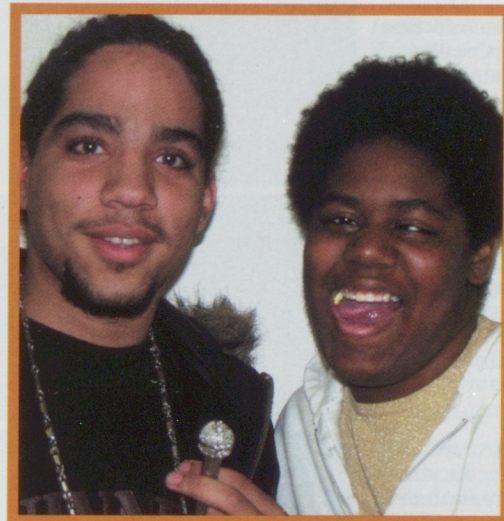
Junior Laura Mwirichia (below) makes a funny face in class.



# Color me Fresh



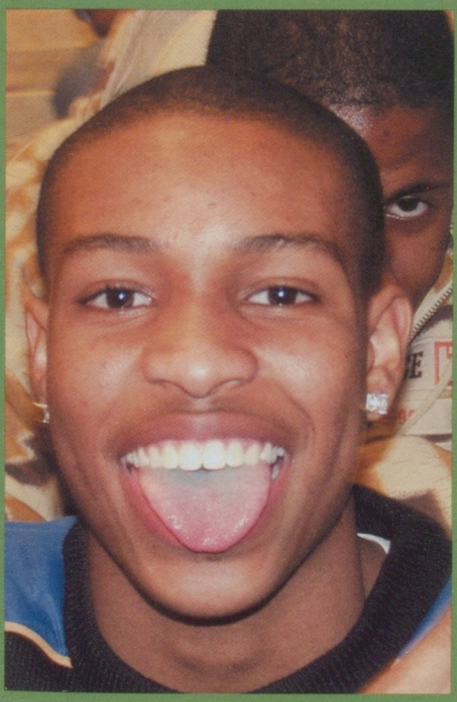
Sophomore Te-Aria Mahaney, junior Brittney Berry and sophomore Raneshia Farris (above) pose outside of math class.



Freshman Raeshawn Davis (top) laughs while trying to take a picture outside of her computer applications class.

Juniors Zach Bradley and Shaqueta Fox (above middle) pose outside of math class.

Juniors Chardae King and Andrea Jones (above) watch the boys Varsity game after playing.



Sophomore Jake Marshall makes a funny face at a boys Varsity basketball game.



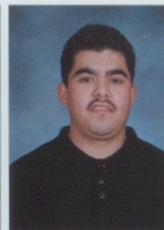
Sophomore Cory Lewis (below) makes a funny face as well.



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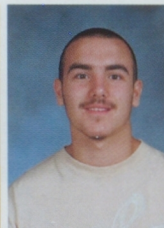
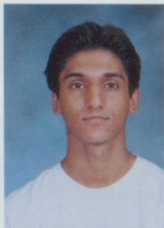
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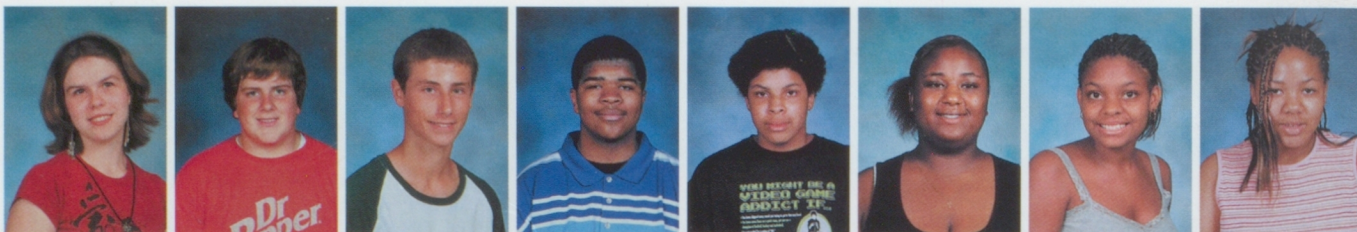
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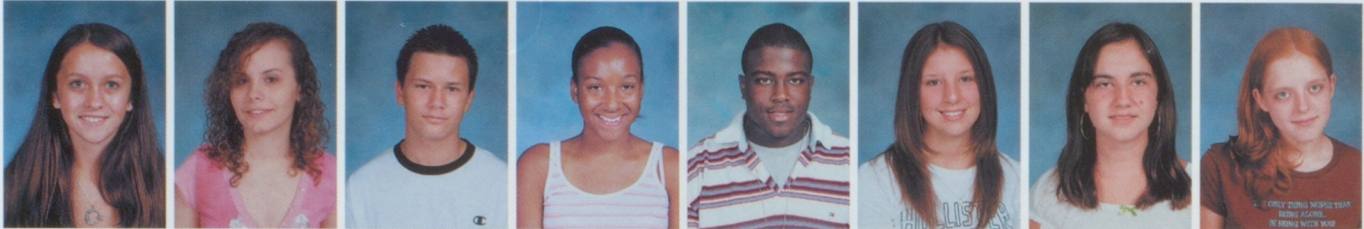
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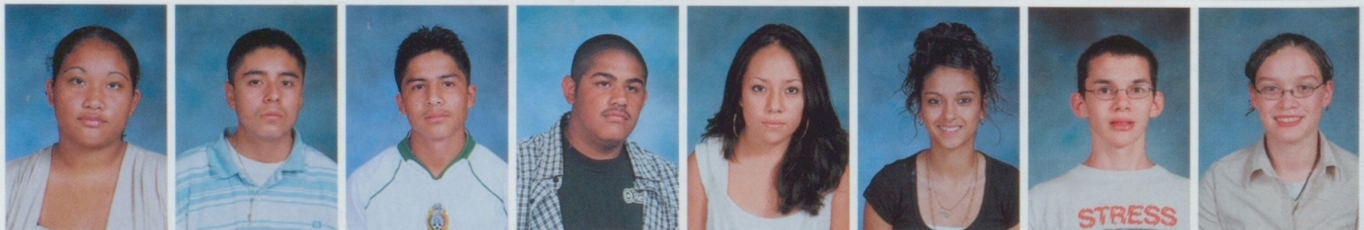
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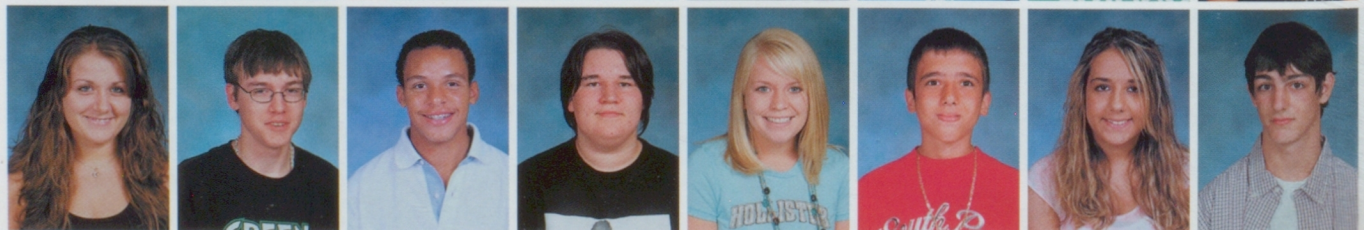
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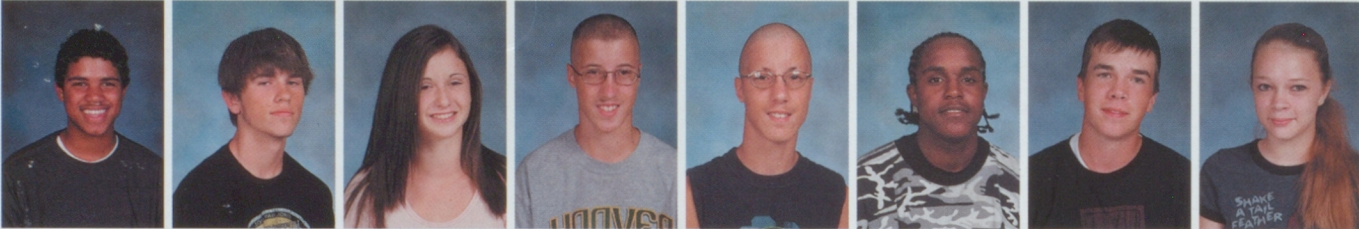
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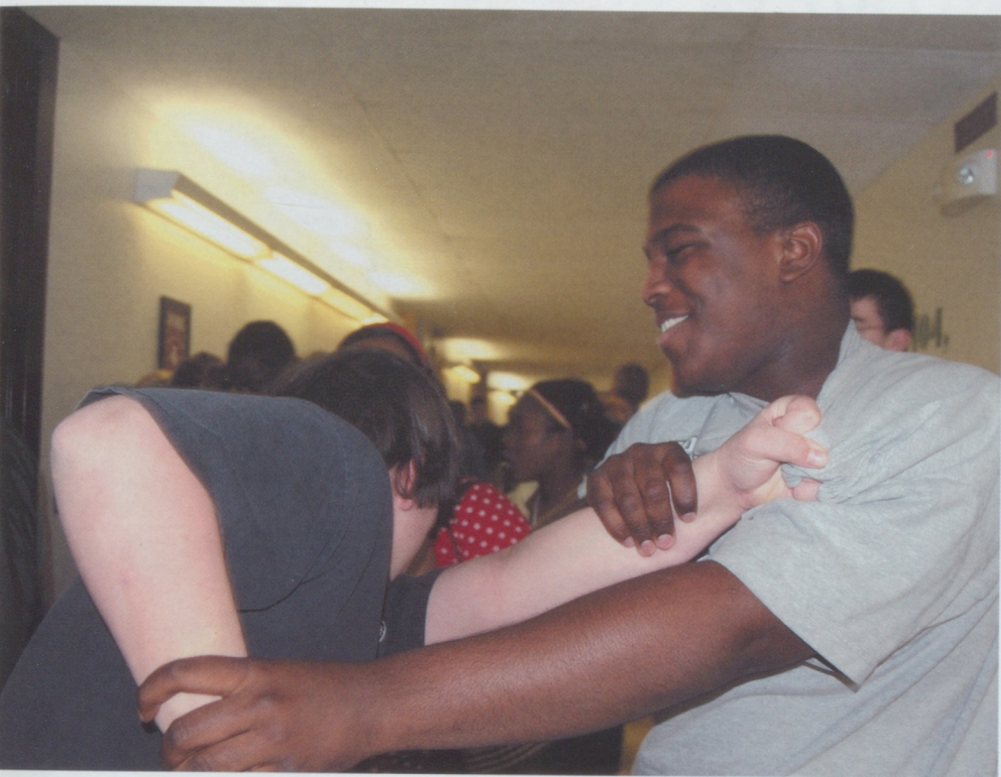
Members of the Heart and Soul choir group (above) sing at their first concert of the year. Heart and Soul is a little different from other chorus groups because of their song preference. They sing gospel, R&B and hip-hop and also have their own drummer.

Students in metals class (right) work on a project in class.

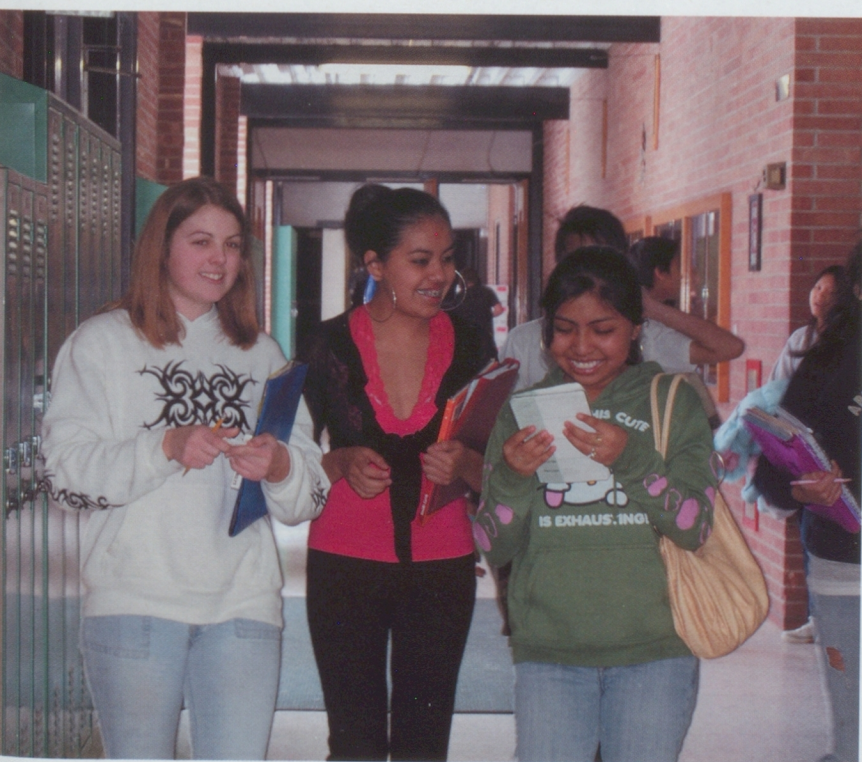




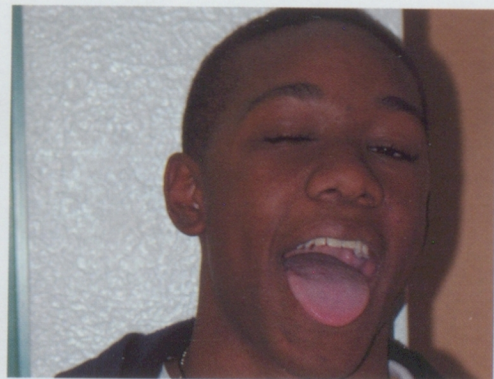
Sophomore Tayler Hall and a friend play fight in the hallway during passing period before seventh.



Junior Katie Lovan works on a project in art class.



Freshman Will Brazzle makes a face.



Sophomore Ashley Davis, Freshmen Carolina Gomez and Lucy Gutierrez walk down the long hallway after going to their lockers after school.





# Faculty and Staff **Color Me Committed**



Sophomore Evan Hoyt (top) holds back English teacher Catie Miller from fellow teachers Timm Pilcher, Miriam Heuermann, and Jon Rubino



while they demonstrate hallway behavior. On Nov. 17 the teachers held an assembly demonstrating the students behavior.

Teacher Jon Rubino (middle) gives the camera 'the hand' as he goes to the office. Rubino teaches English, creative writing, and forensics. He also is the advisor for Debate and assistant coach for volleyball and boys soccer.

New Vice Principal Doug Wheeler (bottom) laughs at his own jokes during a meeting. Wheeler has been working with Hoover for six years.



Vice Principal Mel Green (above) gets his groove on at the hallway behavior assembly. This is Green's first year at Hoover. Green is also the advisor for senior board.



Librarian Pam Pilcher laughs while some students encourage a silly face. Pilcher has been working here for 16 years. She is also in charge of NHS and the knitting club.

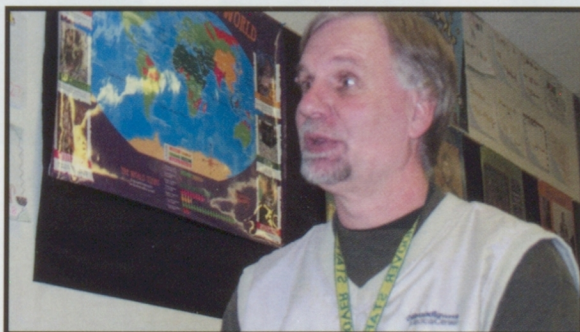
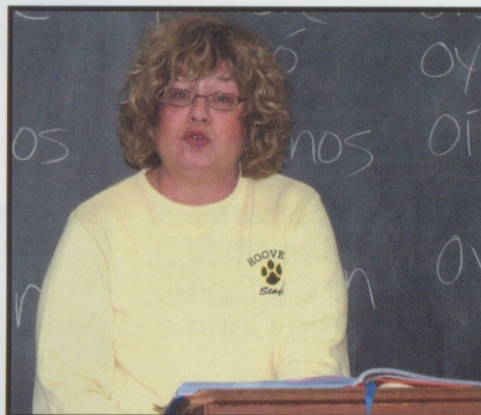
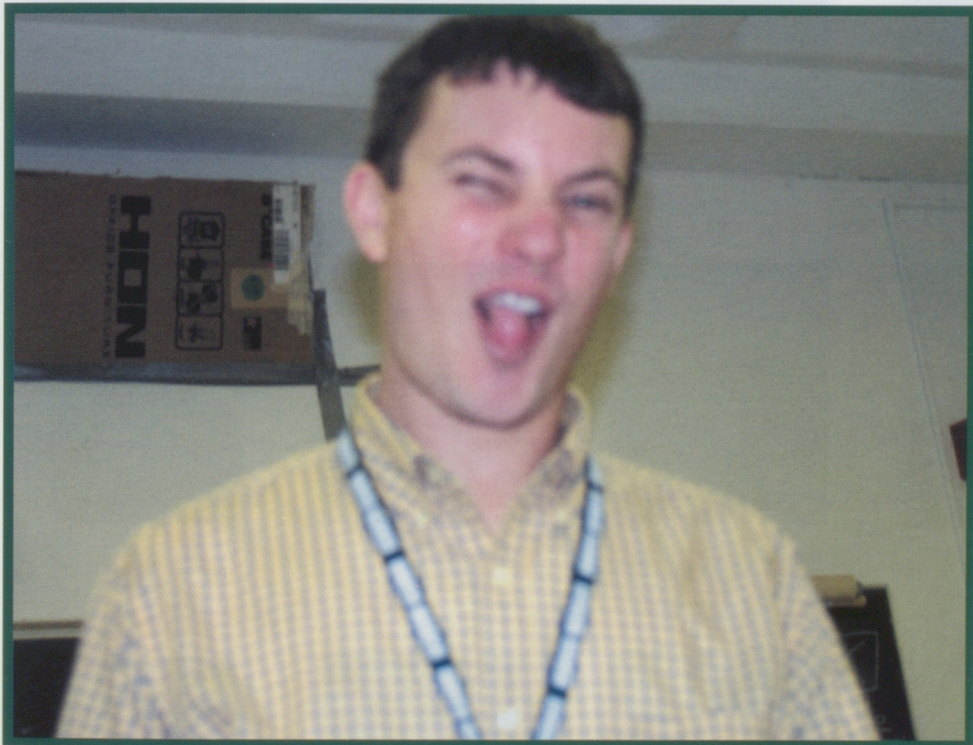
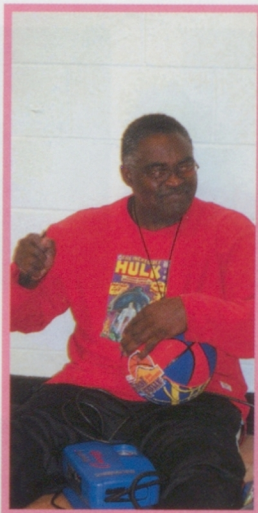
Cafeteria worker Nancy Arthur (top) prepares during third period for first lunch. Arthur has been working here for five years.

Attendance secretary Sandy Hinkle (above) peeks out of the vice principal's office. Hinkle has been working here for 10 years.



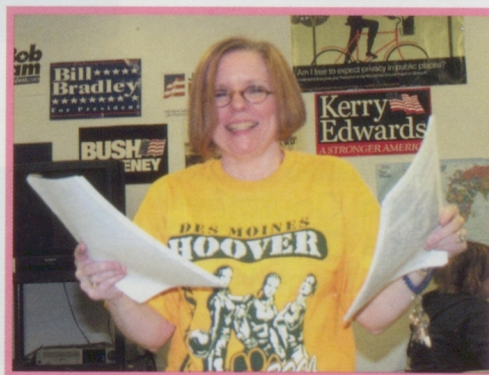
Girls basketball coach and P.E teacher Haywood Boston (right) has trouble pumping up basketballs for his class. Boston has been coaching heresince 1989.

English teacher Jennifer Shiek (below) watches a skit performed by her third period. Shiek has been working here for seven years. Shiek and co-worker Linda Brown keep in shape by walking everyday after school.



World History teacher Phil Carlson (above) discusses daily events with a student during his planning period. Carlson has been teaching here for 16 years.

Social science, special education and collaborative teacher Ann Grant (left) helps some student during third period.



Teachers Miriam Heuermann and Timm Pilcher (top) pretend to make out in a skit at the student behaviors assembly. The moral of this skit was to remind students not to get too affectionate with each other in the hallways.

Spanish teacher Terri Dessauer (middle) goes over vocabulary with her third period class. Dessauer is doing well after knee surgery last year.

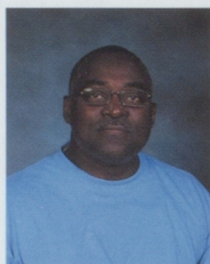
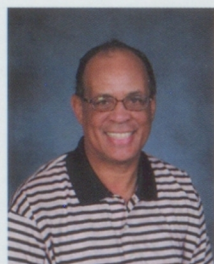
American history and Street Law teacher Maureen Murphy (above) hands out worksheets to her American History class. Murphy has been working here for six years.



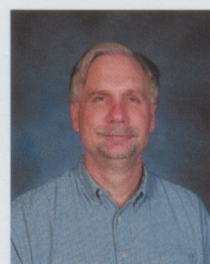
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Barbara Campbell  
Philip Carlson  
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Connie Cook  
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Patricia Cusmano  
Jason Danielson



## Most memorable moment...

"Always being confused with Mr. Jackson just because we both have red hair and pretty cool Chuck Norris beards."  
-Behavior Interventionist Patrick Lowe





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Beth Eilers



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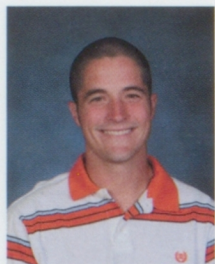


Bradley Grier

"Last year, during the faculty/student  
dodge ball game, I got nailed in the head.  
That was pretty memorable and funny."  
-Math teacher Amanda Koehler



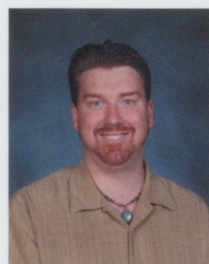
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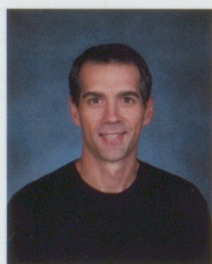
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Chris Knee



"Helping kids. When one says something thankful or nice, it lasts months!!"  
-FACS teacher Carla Madson

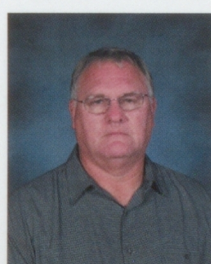




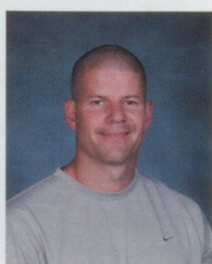
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## Most rewarding aspects...

"When students come back after graduation  
and are appreciative."

-Senior English teacher Nicholas Jackson



Robert Minick  
Maureen Murphy  
Maribeth Newman  
Janiece Ochoa



Roz Oliver  
DeAnne Petts  
Cang Pham  
Jennifer Phillips



Pamela Pilcher  
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Debbie Terry  
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Douglas Wheeler  
Gregory Wildman  
Anna Wolf  
Charles Zanders, Jr.



Beth Zavala



## Carter Augustine



You never fail to amuse  
AMAZE us!

XOXOX  
MDJ



## Barbara Baccam



We are so proud of you, My daughter, as any father could be. We love you more than words can say. As long as we are living my baby you'll be.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Alison Brown



The most fun, crazy, emotional, hilarious, frightening, loving, joyous, precious thing that has ever happened to me is, being this beautiful creatures mother

## Lindsey Batz



Lindsey,  
Who would have thought not so long ago,

From baby to a young women would grow

Amazing us with you character day after day,

We are so very proud of you in every way

Much Love,  
Mom and dad

## Angela French



From my lap to your graduation, You grew up way too fast. I love you!  
Love,  
Jessica

## Alex Chicoine



Alex,  
We are so proud of you! Remember, out in the real world you can't fall asleep where ever you are standing!! haha!  
We Love You very much.  
Mom and Dad!



Noogs-Words can't express how proud we are of you. You have come so far! Good luck in all you do! You'll be great at whatever you choose!  
Love Ya!  
Mom, Dad, Grandma, and Papa



## Sharena Curry



Sharena,  
I can't believe the time has come to congratulate you, as you graduate from high school. The years have flown by so quickly, from the little toddler we laugh about, saying "Aunt Oie get in waer" to the cheerleader with the "husky Bark".  
Love Ya  
Mom, Dad Josh, Sweet Pea and Taco

## Nicole Gooch



We are so proud of the intelligent young women you have become. We love you and can't wait to see what you'll bring us in the future.  
Love,  
Mom,  
Dad, Dad, and Quin

## Stevi Hellickson



Stevi-  
We thank God for you and that smile!  
Grandpa and Grandma,  
Uncle Mark, Auntie Victoria, Sophia, Frankie, and Vinnie,

Auntie Lauri, Joe, Amanda Timmy, and Corey

## Danielle Gibbons



Danielle,  
When you came into this world we had no idea just how much fun, laughter and joy you would bring into our lives. We are very proud of you. Our house will feel empty when you go off to college. Follow your dreams and we know you will be a success. With all our love,  
Mom and Dad!



We love you our dear Stevi  
Dad and Jeremy

## Kendra Harding



Kendra,  
Dancer, Surgeon, Lawyer, Swimmer... Whatever you decide- you've got the tools. You're the complete package. Love you Sweetie! You're our pride and joy!

Mom and Daddy

## Elizabeth Howett



For 18 years we've seen you grow from baby girl to womanhood. Through good and bad we've let you know behind you we have always stood.

The time has come, for you know how, to take those steps away from home. Your inner self shines brightly, now we proudly step back to see you roam.  
Love and Hugs,  
Mom and Dad

## Sarah Jacobi



Sarah/Tooter,  
We are very proud of you, you've become a lovely young lady. You've reached the end of this chapter of your life and best wishes for your next.  
Love and Kisses,  
Mommy and Poppy



## Kelsey Keiran



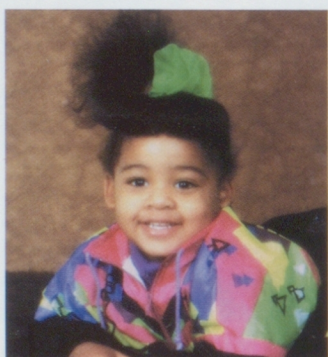
Yes Kelsey Kid, you are graduating! Curious and creative...you have accomplished so much and we are proud of you! So follow your yellow brick road, with your kind heart, super brains and courage for life. And always remember—There's no place like home, to get an "I love you" from your proud mom and dad  
We love you, Turk...

## Emily Lewis



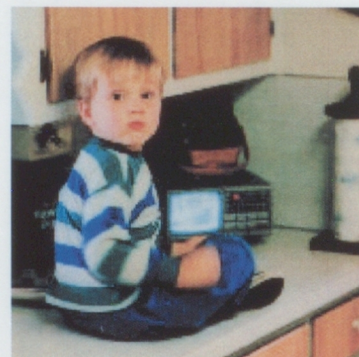
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Love you always,  
Dad, Mom and Carly

## Jocelyn McGregor



Jocelyn,  
You are beautiful, intelligent, caring, strong, and ambitious young woman with a bright future. The best is yet to come! God bless you!  
Love,  
Mom

## Kacy Messerschmidt



Kacy-  
We have watched you grow through the years with pride. You have operated at high speed all your life—we could never keep up! You started climbing the ladder of success at an early age, sometimes two rungs at a time! We are so proud of you and wish you all the best in your future. We love you!  
Dad, Mom, Kari, and Kyle

## Natasha Oakley



My Tashi-Ashi,  
Looking back, Natasha has always loved staying busy. From discovering/exploring things to learning and surprising us every minute. I'm so proud of her as a young beautiful lady. Natasha is a bright and thoughtful of others. Helping and saying a kind word to cheer up others.  
Love,  
Mom

## Kalina Overton



Kalina,  
You have always enjoyed life's simple pleasures. We hope life is a treasure wherever you go.  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Sheila Olson



To our Daughter,  
You have always been center stage in our lives, from the time you came kicking into the world, til now your personality has been bubbling like this picture at 9 months old. We have enjoyed your successes,  
Your hard work, your love.  
Your Family

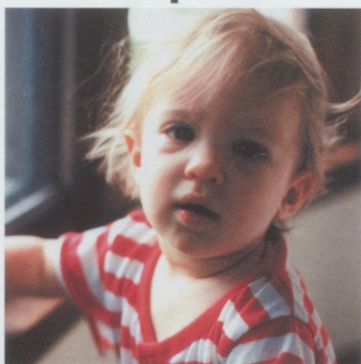
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Stephen,  
You have far exceeded my expectations, gone above and beyond what I envisioned. You're a good man! Well done!  
-Dad



## Jessica Sampson



Jessie,  
Shoot for the stars! There  
are no limits to what you  
can do if you believe in  
yourself. And always  
remember how much we  
love you.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, Christopher,  
Angie and Tony

## Missy Shaw



Missy,  
We are so proud of you  
for being who you are!  
With the breaking of a  
brand new day spread your  
wings and fly! It's with great  
pride and tears we wish  
you success, happiness  
and contentment.  
Love,  
Dad, Mom, and Tanner

## Kelsey Wren



Kels-  
Congrats on making it  
through high school.  
You've always been  
determined and we know  
you'll make it big.  
Love you forever;  
Dad, Mom, Dano, and  
Kayleigh

## Amanda Welch



Amanda,  
You made it! I couldn't be  
happier for you. It has been  
a wonderful yet bumpy  
road from this sweet little  
girl to the beautiful,  
intelligent young lady you  
have become. Enjoy all that  
life has to offer you.  
Love,  
MOM

## Elyse Wilson



Elyse,  
Watching you grow up into  
a beautiful young lady has  
been a source of pride and  
joy for me. Take each new  
challenge life has to offer  
one day at a time. Remain  
true to yourself and always  
follow your dreams. Never  
settle.  
I Love You!  
Good Luck-The future is all  
yours  
Mom

## Colin Whittie



Colin,  
We are so proud of you!  
Congratulations on your  
graduation and everything  
you've accomplished in  
high school.  
On to the next adventure!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad

## Jessica Ware



Jessica-  
We are proud of you!  
There is no stopping you  
now! You will always be our  
"Jesse Bear."  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, and C.J.

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Meredith Gayle Young,  
You are amazing. You are  
smart, beautiful, and kind.  
We are so proud of you and  
know that you'll be great  
at whatever you choose to  
be in the years to come.  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, Emily, and  
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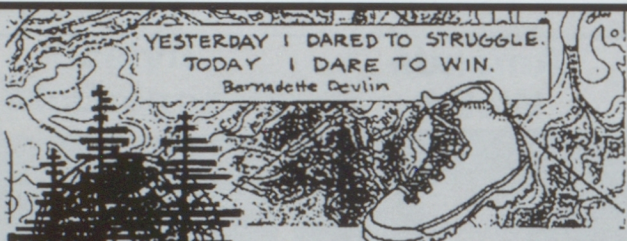
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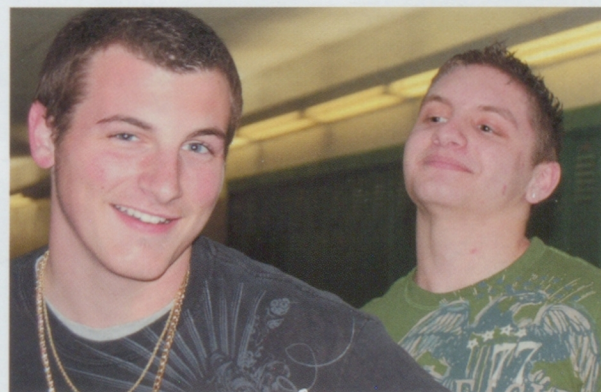
Students gather together to cheer at a basketball game.



Senior Danielle Fried helps plan the Spanish service project.



Junior Diana Green wipes off equipment during a NHS volunteering activity,



Juniors Josh O'Conner and Dillon Vento joke around and have a good time.





Junior Leslie Millard revs up the crowd at the basketball game. This is Millard's third year on the cheerleading squad.



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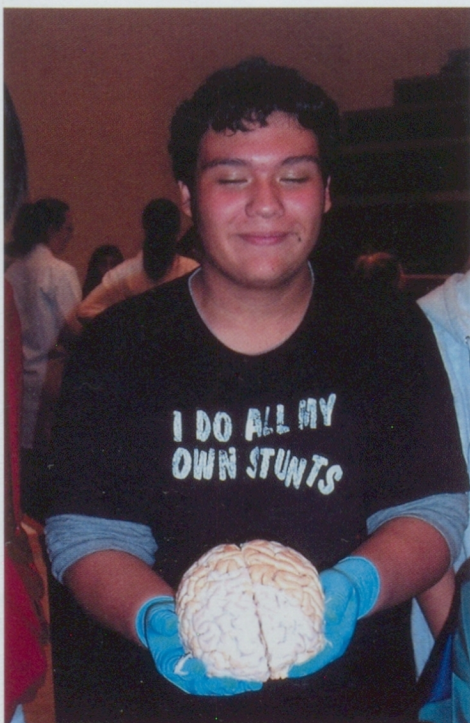
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I'll be  
 there  
 May  
 25th,  
 will  
 you?”


-Steve  
 Koch

Junior, Gavin Gallegos(right)  
 shows us a brain.

Students(below) get food at the  
 vending machines during  
 passing period.





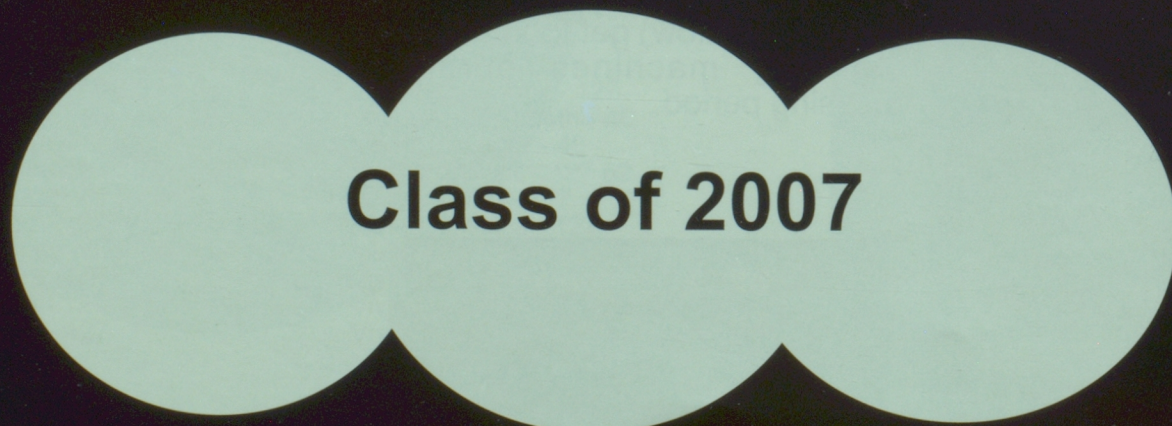


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Live for today, Dream  
for tomorrow.”**

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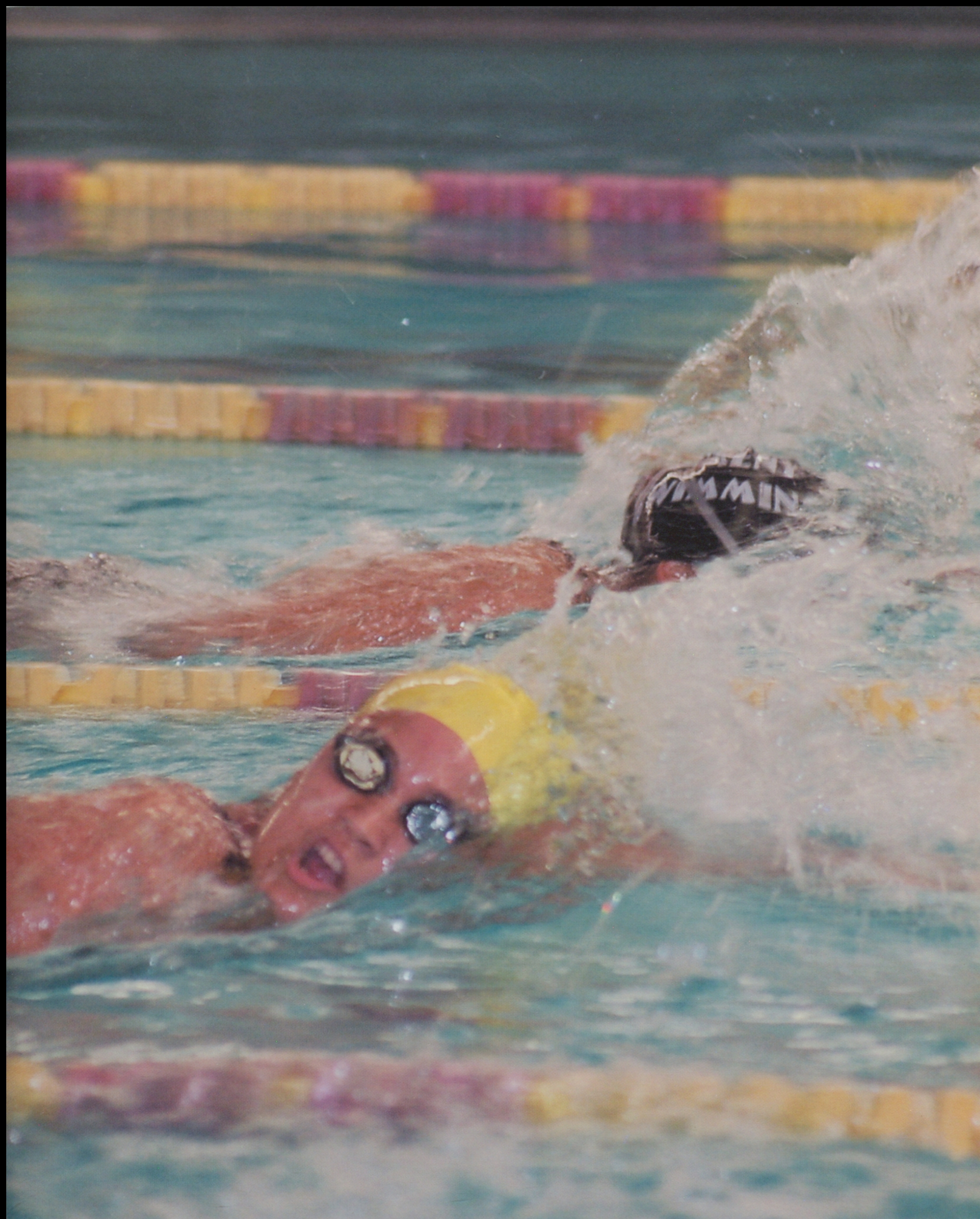
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Junior Ashley Signs swims against opponent at her swim meet.



Color Me!









# Color us Crazy!

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